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R S S Membership Must First Be Renounced

ENTRY INTO THE CONGRESS

Working Committee's Clarification

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17 (P.T.I.).

THE Congress Working Committee which met today adjourned *sine die* after clarifying its earlier ruling with regard to the admission of R.S.S. members into the Congress.

According to this clarification, no Congressman shall organise or join any volunteer Dal other than the Congress Seva Dal and, therefore, the members of the R.S.S. who belong to a volunteer organisation (R.S.S.) will not be exempt from this rule and discipline, if they choose to become Congress members.

The Working Committee gave the following clarification:

"Sometime back, a reference was made to the Working Committee by the Bihar P.C.C. whether members of the R.S.S. were debarred from becoming primary members of the Indian National Congress. In answering that reference, the Working Committee did nothing more than explain the constitutional position of the primary members of the Congress. According to Article IV of the Constitution, any person of the age of 21 years and over who believes in article T(1) shall on making written declaration to that effect, become a primary member of the Congress." There was no ban in the constitution of the Congress on any person becoming a primary member if he conformed to the conditions laid down in the above article.

NO INVITATION

"By no stretch of imagination this explanation could be misconstrued as an invitation to the R.S.S. or any other group to become primary members of the Congress.

"All primary members, under the Congress Constitution are of course subject to the rules of discipline and the members of the R.S.S. are no exception to these rules even if they choose to become the primary members. The rules of discipline include the following rule:—

"No Congressman shall organise or join any Volunteer Dal other than the Congress Seva Dal".

The Working Committee decided that no Minister or a Parliamentary Secretary could become an office bearer of any Congress Committee, namely, that he could not hold the position of President or Secretary of a Congress Committee. He could, however, be a member of the Congress executive.

AGRARIAN REFORMS

The committee further decided to publish the Agrarian Reforms Committee's report to elecit public opinion and reactions of Congress Committees before taking a final decision on it. It has already referred the report to various Provincial Governments for their opinion.

PAK OFFICIALS GAGGED!

No Statement To The Press

KARACHI, Nov. 17. (P.T.I.-Reuter): The Pakistan Government has banned the release of news from Government Departments except through its official information department, it was authoritatively learned tonight. News will in future be in form of official "handouts", but interviews would still be permitted by arrangement through the Principal Information Officer, it was stated by a senior official of the Ministry of the Interior and Information.

Officials had been instructed to make no statements to journalists.

NO STATE TRADING IN TIN

Import Licences To Be Issued

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17. (P.T.I.): The Government of India have decided to discontinue State trading in tin with immediate effect, the Ministry of Indusry and Supply announced today.

"Licences for import of tin", the announcement said "will be issued by the Chief Controller fo Imports, New Delhi, and importers will be required to submit certain returns every month to the Development Office (Metals), Directorate-General of Industries and Supplies, New Delhi. These returns will be prescribed when an import licence is issued and the regular submission of these returns will be a condition attached to the grant of an import licence".

The announcement added that till further notice, tin would be issued from Government stocks at Rs. 532 per cwt ex-depots. Applications for the purpose were to be submitted to the Development Officer (Metals), Directorate-General of Industries and Supplies, New Delhi.

ABOLITION OF U. P. ZAMINDARIS

Socialists Launch Campaign

BAREILLY, Nov. 17. (U.P.I.): The campaign for abolition of Zamindari without compensation launched by the U. P. Socialists was inaugurated when a batch of about 500 red-capped kisans went about Bareilly shouting slogans.

They demonstrated before the District Magistrate's residence and shouted slogans.

A Bombay message says that Dr. Lohia is on his way to Bareilly to participate in the "satyagraha".

NIGHT AIR SERVICES MAY BE EXTENDED

Kidwai's Optimism

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17. (P.T.I.): Mr. Rafi Ahmed Kidwai, Minister for Communications, stated today that one month of night air services had dispelled doubts that the day services would lose traffic and would have to close down.

In a statement the Minister said that he would consider extending night services to other routes, if necessary, after a month.

The day air services were now not only retaining their average traffic, but were showing an increase since the introduction of night air service, he added.

40 MINERS KILLED IN LANDSLIDE

Disaster In Goa

MORMUGAO, Nov. 17. (PTI): Forty miners were killed in a landslide at the manganese mines at Sangvem, 20 miles from Margao, on Tuesday.

The miners, who were working underground, were buried by the landslide caused by a dynamite detonation in the neighbourhood.

Rescue parties were rushed to the scene of the disaster and the bodies of 40 victims were unearthed.

This was the worst mining disaster in Goa in the last several years.

Deration Wheat

SUBSIDIARY FOOD BOARD'S PROPOSAL

(From Our Correspondent)

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17: Subsidiary Food Board, I learn, has asked for immediate allocation of Rs. two crores to implement its programme. It has also demanded that wheat should in future be derationed. The Board would like only atta mixed with subsidiary foods be given to people.

The critics of this proposal hold that such move will tell upon the health of the people. They point out various other defects of the proposal.

DECCAN AIRWAYS WORKERS STRIKE

SECUNDERABAD, Nov. 17. (UPI): The employees of the Deccan Airways went on half an hour's token strike this afternoon following the directive given by the "Ad Hoc" Committee of the All-India Workers' Federation recently.

INDIA TO RECOGNISE RED CHINA SOON?

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17. (U.P.I.): The Prime Minister, Pandit Nehru, this morning received Sarder K. M. Panikkar, India's Ambassador in China. The meeting lasted an hour during which the Ambassador is reported to have given an account of the conditions in China. Sardar Panikkar is expected to have another meeting with the Prime Minister shortly.

Sardar Panikkar has already submitted a detailed report on the subject to the External Affairs Ministry.

It is being assumed in diplomatic quarters here that India will recognize Communist China before long.

Godse's Brother Meets Gopal

AMBALA, Nov. 17. (UPI): Mr. Tatiyarao Godse, elder brother of Nathuram Godse had two hour interview with his younger brother Gopal Godse, who is serving life imprisonment in Ambala Jail.

He is reported to have taken the dust from the place where Nathuram Godse and Apte were burnt and left last night for Hardwar.

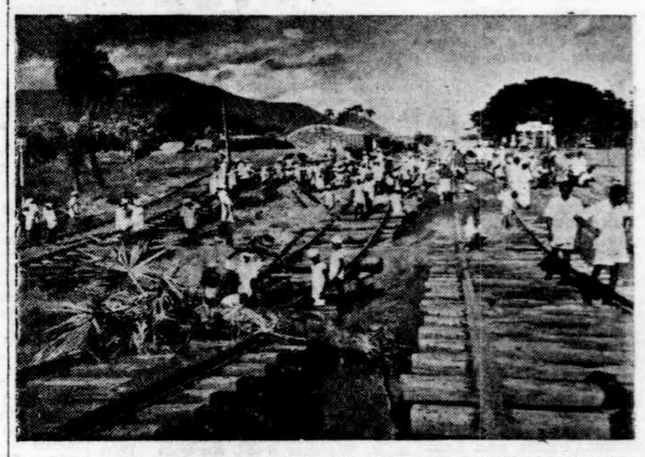
7 Lakh Ton Food Surplus In Pakistan

LONDON, Nov. 17. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Hafiz Mohammed Shaque, Joint Secretary to Pakistan's Ministry of Food and Agriculture, said here last night that Pakistan had a net exportable wheat surplus of between 600,000 and 700,000 tons during the current crop season.

CZECH ENVOY ARRIVES IN DELHI

His Excellency Dr. Bohuslav Kratoch vil, Ambassador-designate of Czechoslovakia to India, accompanied by his wife and others, arrived at New Delhi station on November 14. The picture shows His Excellency Dr. Bohuslav Kratochvil (third from left) with his wife and others at New Delhi station.

CYCLONE HAVOC IN ANDHRA



The picture shows damage caused to the railway line at Tuni which was breached when Andhra was hit by a cyclone during the last week of October. The damage to crops and loss of cattle is almost inestimable. Unless the whole country rushes to the rescue of Andhra, the province might fall a prey to famine.

POLICE PARTY AMBUSHED AND ATTACKED

Inspector And 3 Constables Injured Near Madura

MADURA, November 17 (P.T.I.).

A SUB-INSPECTOR of Police and three constables were injured this morning when a police party was ambushed and attacked by a band of ten to 15 persons in village Podumbu, six miles from Madura.

The police party went to the village to arrest certain "wanted" persons.

An armed reserve party with two Sub-Inspectors went to the village early this morning on information that certain "wanted" persons were in the village. The party divided itself into two and was scouring the village.

ATTACK FROM BEHIND

When one of the groups, consisting of a Sub-Inspector and four constables, was passing through a lane, it is alleged, they were suddenly set upon from behind by ten to 15 persons armed with aruvals (long curvey knives) and thick wooden sticks.

The Sub-Inspector who was in mufti and not armed received knife injuries on the head and other places of the body. Three of the constables could not use their rifles as they were beaten with sticks. The fourth constable fired to rounds but none was wounded in the firing as the attackers took to their heels.

The injured Sub-Inspector and the constables have been admitted into Government Hospital, Madura.

Six persons who were stated to be among the attacking party have been arrested.

The District Superintendent of Police immediately proceeded to the spot with a strong armed reserve. The village and the adjacent areas are being combed for the culprits.

SURPRISE ATTACK BY VIET-MINH JUNKS

Operation Near China Border

MONCAY, (TONGKING), Nov. 17. (PTI-Reuter): The sound of mortar shells was heard here for the first time this morning, as Chinese Communist troops advanced across the province of Kwantung towards the frontier.

Suspense in this border town ran high last night when a surprise attack was launched from the sea by five Viet-Minh (Indo-Chinese Autonomists) junks against the adjoining village of Traco, where another attack was repulsed only two days ago.

French artillery fire made the attackers retreat in their junks. There were no losses. Following this operation, a French patrol was sent out to mop up. In this region, fairly calm a month ago Viet-Minh attacks have become more frequent as the Chinese Communists have advanced nearer the frontier.

BLIZZARD SWEEPS JAPANESE ISLAND

40 Fishing Boats Missing

TOKYO, Nov. 17. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Forty fishing boats were missing today in a blizzard which has been sweeping the coasts of the Northern Japanese Island of Hokkaido since last night. Four boats were known to have sunk and serious land damage was feared.

One hundred and twenty miles an hour typhoon was expected to hit Guam tonight, American wether officials here forecast.

More Facilities For Insurance Firms

NEW BILL TO BE INTRODUCED

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Government of India will shortly introduce a revised insurance bill in the Indian Parliament which seeks to accord better facilities to the insurance companies in respect of their investment to enable them to earn a higher rate of interest than hitherto. United Press of India city editor learned here today.

DEATH ROLL RISES TO 14

CALCUTTA, Nov. 17 (U.P.I.): The total number of deaths in the RIAF. Tempest crash in Calcutta stands now at 140.

A check-up of all hospitals in the city last midnight showed the figure to be eleven including the pilot. Three of the injured in the medical college hospital succumbed today.

The court of enquiry set up by the Government of India will estimate the damage caused to civilian property.

BRITAIN'S GOLD AND DOLLAR RESERVES LOOK UP

Big Increase In Exports To U. S. And Canada

LONDON, Nov. 17 (PTI-Reuter).

BRITAIN'S gold and dollar reserves have continued their upward movement since the end of September, when an increase of £20,000,000 was announced, Chancellor of the Exchequer Sir Stafford Cripps disclosed here today.

One could not expect such increases to be stabilised unless and until Britain reached a more fundamental equilibrium, "but the forward prospects are not by any means discouraging", he told a press conference.

"There is no reason to anticipate for the period up to next June any fall in the reserves from their level at the end of the third quarter."

"There is no economic or financial reason for any lack of confidence in sterling at the existing rate", he declared.

He thought that undue importance was being attached to transactions in cheap sterling abroad.

The increase of £20,000,000 in the gold and dollar reserve was between September 18 and 30, and calculated at the old rate of exchange.

BETTER EXPORTS

There was a big increase in exports in October. Exports both to the United States and Canada showed useful increase in sterling values of about 35 and 25 per cent. It was too early to say how much of this was due to increased volume instead of merely the automatic result of devaluation.

Stocks of food and raw materials had risen during the last six months by about £100,000,000—"a real strengthening of our general situation." Production continued to show a steady general rise, mainly from improved productivity.

Sir Stafford spoke of the "responsible attitude and the remarkable restraint which the trades union movement generally is showing in the matter of wage increases."

On the longer term prospect, there were two encouraging signs. One was the steady improvement in production and productivity. The other was the "rapidly growing appreciation in the United States and Canada of the policies that need to be followed in international trade and finance by creditor nations."

"VERY IMPORTANT" TALKS IN COLOMBO

Bevin To Lead British Delegation

LONDON, Nov. 17 (PTI-Reuter).

BRITISH Foreign Secretary Ernest Bevin announced today that he hoped personally to lead the British Delegation to the Colombo conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers next January. It would be "a very important conference indeed," he said.

"So far as we are concerned there is no Western and Eastern division", Mr. Bevin told the crowded House of Commons at the start of the one-day debate on foreign policy." There is a common unity in this Commonwealth between East and West that we should do our best at all times to maintain."

Referring to the many conferences at which Britain has been represented in recent months Mr. Bevin said: "We have now accepted an invitation to a conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers in Colombo in January and I hope to be able to lead the United Kingdom Delegation."

UNIFYING FORCE

At previous conferences the interests of three great centres of the free world were covered. "The machinery of consultation with the Commonwealth is as perfect as we can make it and nothing of information which was essential to pass between the Commonwealth is withheld, Mr. Bevin said.

"I think it is significant to note that this Commonwealth of ours is perhaps the greatest unifying force which draws together Asia and the West."

Turning to economic matters, the Foreign Secretary said: "With regard to the problems of North America one thing has been very disturbing and that is the lack of equilibrium in the financial and economic field between the dollar and Sterling Area. It tended to undermine all the political efforts for peace unless it could be solved. The solution would have to be a common one.

Referring to the Anglo-United States-Canadian financial talks in Washington, Mr. Bevin said it was this fact which prompted him to have long discussions with Mr. Snyder and Mr. Abbott and it was agreed not to confine the discussions to the finance problem alone but to take it up on the political level.

FRANK DISCUSSION

In his reference to conferences Britain had attended recently Mr. Bevin said: "At the Commonwealth Finance Ministers' meeting, every problem was discussed freely and frankly affecting the economic and financial position as it affected the whole area. They succeeded in taking common decisions on how to act in dealing with that crisis.

"There is also constant day to day consultation and collaboration with all the Commonwealth governments on foreign affairs.

"The machinery of consultation in these matters is as perfect as we can make it.

"It is significant that the coming conference of Commonwealth Foreign Ministers is to be held at Colombo, the capital of one of the new Commonwealth countries."

REVIEW OF ASIAN SITUATION

U. S. Mission Chiefs To Confer

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (P.T.I.-Reuter): A conference of Chiefs of United States Missions in Eastern Asia and the Far East will be held at Bangkok, Siam, at the end of January to review the general situation in the area, the White House announced today.

High State Department officials, diplomats and experts on China today held an hour-long conference on the Far East with President Truman. The group was headed by the Secretary of State, Mr. Dean Acheson.

Others at the conference were the Under Secretary of State, Mr. James E. Webb; United States Ambassador at Large Dr. Philip Jessup; United States Ambassador to China Mr. J. Leighton Stuart; Mr. W. Walton Butterworth, Assistant Secretary of State in Charge of Far Eastern Affairs; and Dr. Everett Case and Dr Raymond Fosdick, Special State Department Advisers on China.

Dr. Jessup, who is now studying American policy in the Far East, will leave for Bangkok when he completes his duties as a United States delegate to the United Nations.

Dr. Jessup will visit Tokyo and other cities on his way to Bangkok and return by way of India and Pakistan, the White House added. Object of the conference was officially described as "a general review of the situation in the area."

U. N. Bodies For Italian Colonies

BUDGET APPROVED

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 17 (P.T.I.): The Budgetary Committee of the General Assembly has approved of a sum of 452,000 dollars to cover the expenses of the U. N. Bodies envisaged for the blueprint of freedom for the former Italian colonies of Libya, Somaliland and Eritrea, writes D. P. Wagle, P.T.I. Correspondent at U. N. Headquarters.

The vote was 24 in favour, five against and three abstentions.

MUSLIM FANATICS MASSACRE 80

Java Village Burned Down

BATAVIA, Nov. 17 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Reliable military reports reaching here today said fanatical Darul Islam guerillas massacred 80 men, women and children of a village ten miles from Cheribon—North-West Java port—on the night of November 14. Army patrols found the village a fire-gutted ruin with mutilated bodies lying in the still warm ashes, the report said.

The Darul Islam raiders—who want a completely Moslem State of Indonesia—gutted the village because its people asked for protection from Republican and Dutch Army forces which jointly patrol the area, it was said.

PLOT TO ASSASSINATE TURKISH PRESIDENT

ANKARA, Nov. 17, (PTI-Reuter):—The Turkish Government today ordered the arrest of two Opposition Deputies, following disclosure of an alleged plot to assassinate President Ineunu and overthrow the Government.

An official communique said that Resat Aydinli, an Opposition National Party Deputy, had told the Government that three "die hard" Deputies of the same party planned a coup d'etat to overthrow the present Government by killing the President and the Opposition Democratic Party Leader Djelal Bayar.

Pakistan Admitted To Far East Commission

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17. (PTI-Reuter): Pakistan and Burma were today formally admitted to membership in the Far Eastern Commission.

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PUBLIC NOTICES

THE B. E. S. & T. UNDERTAKING

SEALED TENDER for the supply of the follcwing material for buses:

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(2) Grease (different kinds) - 2½ tons.
(3) Oil (different kinds) - 650 gallons.
(4) Brake Fluid Oil - 250 gallons.

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SEPARATE SEALED TENDERS WILL BE RECEIVED BY THE CHIEF ENGINEER, M & S M RAILWAY, MADRAS—3.

for "Piece Work Contracts for each of the following Sub-Divisions or sections up to 12 hours on MONDAY, the 12th December, 1949:—

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2. Hubli	Hubli	1. Ranibennur. 2. Yalvigi. 3. Hubli. 4. Dharwar. 5. Londa.

Tender forms and other documents can be had from the Chief Engineer, on application on payment of Rs. TEN PER SET IN CASH which will not be refunded.

Earnest money of Rs. 2,000/- for each tender is to be paid in advance to the Financial Adviser and Chief Accounts Officer, M & S M Railway, Park Town, Madras—3.

(6330)

G. I. P. RAILWAY — TENDERS

THE CONTROLLER OF STORES invites sealed tenders for the purchase of empty Kerosene Oil tins available at 'General' Stores Depot of this Railway at Lower Parel. Forms obtainable from his office at Gipstore Lane, Lower Parel, Bombay, 13, at Rs. 2/- per copy, not refundable. Money Order or cash only. Closing date 2nd December, 1949 at 3 P.M. (S.T.)

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PUBLIC NOTICES

LABOUR WELFARE DEPARTMENT
GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY

APPLICATIONS are invited from the candidates domiciled in Bombay Province for the following posts:—

Post.	No. of posts.	Pay.	Allowances.
(A) Labour Welfare Organiser, Bombay.	2	Rs. 80-4-120.	Dearness allowance.
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(C) Labour Welfare Inspectors (Male), Bombay.	2	Rs. 46-3-76.	Dearness allowance and Compensatory allowance.

QUALIFICATIONS:— for A & B — Inter Arts for C — Matriculate or equivalent.

EXPERIENCE:— Knowledge of Marathi essential. Proficiency in organising wrestling bouts and/or indoor and outdoor games. Training in Physical Culture, Literacy Circulating Libraries, Spinning on Charkha. Must have aptitude for social work and prepared to mix freely with workers — visit their chawls ascertain their grievances and be of use to them. Preference will be given to those who hold a diploma of the Government's School for training Labour Welfare Workers.

AGE:— Between 19 and 25 years. Relaxation possible only in case of persons having exceptional qualification and experience. Application stating age, domicile, experience, etc. should reach the Labour Welfare Officer, Delisle Road, Bombay No. 11, on or before the 25TH OF NOVEMBER, 1949.

N O T I C E.
GOVERNMENT OF BOMBAY
Civil Supplies Department

APPLICATIONS are invited for the posts of Junior Godown Keepers under the Food Controller, Bombay on Rs. 100-5-130 plus dearness allowance admissible under the Government rules.

QUALIFICATIONS:
1. Age limit upto 35 years.
2. Capacity to ccunt No. of bags from different stacks and trucks and note accurately weights of bags etc. Practical test will be taken of the selected men before appointment.
3. (a) General ability to work in a godcwn.
   (b) Literacy sufficient to keep simple godowns account.
   (c) Previous experience of stock keeping or similar work of some kind.
   (d) Previous experience of handling of grains.
   (a), (b) and (c) are essential and (d) is very desirable.

Application stating age, domicile and experience etc. should reach THE FOOD CONTROLLER, NEW INDIA ASSURANCE BUILDING, MAHATMA GANDHI ROAD, BOMBAY before 1st of December, 1949. (6353)

THE ELECTRICAL CORPORATION OF INDIA LIMITED
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company at Janmabhoomi Chambers, Fort Street, Fort, Bombay, at 9-30 a.m. (I.S.T.) on Saturday the Third day of December, 1949.
1. To approve and adopt the Director's Report and the Audited accounts of the Company for the period ended 30th June 1949.
2. To elect the Directors in place of those who retire under clause 140 of the Articles of Association.
3. To appoint Auditors for the current year and to fix their remuneration.
4. To transact such other business as may be permitted by the Chairman to be brought before the Meeting.

By Order of the Board
For Electrical Corporation of India Ltd.
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(Sd.) M. M. SINGH.
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Managing Agents.

Bombay, 17-11-1949. (6357)

B. B. & C. I. RAILWAY
INTRODUCTION OF CLASS THREE RETURN TICKETS.

WITH EFFECT from 1st December, 1949, Class Three return tickets between Bombay (Bombay Central and Dadar) and Ahmedabad will be issued at two single journey fares.

The period of availability for completion of the return journey is six days from the midnight of the day of issue.

No break of journey, nor extension of the period of availability will be permitted and refunds will in no circumstances be allowed. (6355)

G.I.P. RAILWAY
SPECIAL NOTICE

On and from December 1, 1949, the surcharge for Airconditioned class will be abolished and the fare for Airconditioned class will be 30 pies per mile. Bedding will not be supplied free of charge and passengers who may require beddings can hire them, if available, at the notified rates. (6348)

THE B. E. S. & T. UNDERTAKING

SEALED TENDER for the supply of
(1) 8 Cwts. - Sheet Fibre Red 1/16" and 1/8"
(2) 20 Cwts. - Paint White Zinc
(3) 3 Cwts. - Powder Victoria Blue

will be received by the Chief Storekeeper, Electric House Fort, Bombay, 1, upto Noon on Thursday, 1st December, 1949. (6349)

MARINE & GENERAL INSURANCE CO., LTD.
(Incorporated in India)
NOTICE

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the FIFTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company 65, Mahatma Gandhi Road, Fort, Bombay, on FRIDAY, the 2nd December, 1949 at 4-45 P. M. to transact the following business:—
1. To receive and adopt the Directors Report and Audited Revenue Accounts, Profit and Loss Account, Profit and Loss Appropriation Account and Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December 1948.
2. To elect Directors in place of those who retire in accordance with Articles Nos. 99 and 119 of the Articles of Association of the Company but being eligible offer themselves for re-election.
3. To appoint Auditors for the year 1949 and fix their remuneration.

The SHARE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 18th November, 1949 to 2nd December, 1949, (both days inclusive).

By Order of the Board,
G. V. JANNAH,
Manager,

Bombay, 3rd November, 1949 (6356)

N O T I C E.

TENDERS are invited for the purchase of Waste (Hard & Soft) from The India United Mills, Ltd., No. 2 & 3 Mills and will be accepted upto 4 P.M. (S.T.) on Tuesday, the 22nd November. 1949 in their Registered Office. Tender copies can be obtained from Cottcn Department. Indu House, Dougall Road, Ballard Estate, Bombay. (6351)

THE B. E. S. & T. UNDERTAKING

SEALED TENDER for the supply of (1) Two Tons Tin Ingots 99 p.c. purity, (2) 1000 gross yards Cottcn Tape 1/2" will be received by the Chief Storekeeper, Electric House, Fort, Bombay 1, up to noon on Tuesday, the 6th December, 1949. (6354)

AUCTION SALES

SALE WILL BE HELD AT OUR ROOMS

Auction Sale of 1/4 share in the immovable properties at 4th Kamatipura Street, Kamatipura Bazar Road, 7th Kamatipura Street and 9th Kamatipura Street.

Under instructions from M/s. Ambubhai and Dewanji, Attorneys for Mr. Dayabhai Chhaganlal, Messrs. BENNETT & CO will sell by Public Auction on 5-12-49 at 4 p.m. (S.T.) at their room, 120, Apollo Street, Fort, the 1/4 share of Ramchandra Ganpatrao Guntak under an Indenture of Mortgage dated 29-10-49 in the following properties:

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2NDLY — Quit and Ground land with dwelling house at Kamatipura Street, about 315 sq. yds. Street No. 101, 101A, 101G and 101C.

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7-30 a.m. Narayan Dutt (Geet) 7-35 Sharir Shiksha 7-40 Aj Ka Karyakram 7-45 Shankarrao Jadhav and Party (Shahnai) 8-0 News (E) 8-15 News (H) 9-30 Haji Mohammad (G. Bhajano) 8-45 News (G).

244 m. (1,241 kc/s) and 31.44 m. (7,240 kc/s)

12-45 p.m Sarang Rang 12-50 Haji Mohammad (G. Bhajano) 1-0 News (G) 1-10 As in Bombay—B 1-30 News (E) 1-40 Elizabeth Schumann 2-0 At Piano Benno Moiseiwitsch 2-10 Philharmonic String Orch.,

244 m. (1,231 kc/s), 31.41 m. (9,550 kc/s) from 4-20 to 7-45 p.m., 41.44 m. from 8-0 to 11-0 p.m.

4-20 p.m. School Broadcast 5-0 Air Trio (Raag Malgunji) 5-15 Ashok Joglekar (Bhavgeet) 5-30 As in Bombay—B 6-0 News (E) 6-10 News (H) 6-20 Anjanibai Lolekar (Gaud Malhar) 7-0 Topic of Day 7-10 Locals 7-15 Shankarrao Jadhav and Party (Shahnai) 7-30 Ashok Joglekar (Bhavgeet) 7-45 Kamgar Sabha 8-15 News (G) 8-30 As in Bombay—B 9-0 News (E) 9-15 News (H) 9-30 As in Bombay—B 10-0 Lucila Pacheco 10-15 Molly O'Connor (Crooner) 10-30 Hecke Kingdom Swing Trio.

BOMBAY—B
353 m. (850 kc/s) and 41.44 m.

7-30 a.m. As in Bombay—A 7-45 News (K) 8-0 Anjani Bai Lolekar (Ramkali) 8-30 News (M) 8-45 Madan Bongale (Gokulicha maza Raja).

353 m. (850 kc/s) and 31.41 m

12-45 p.m. As in Bombay—A 12-50 News (M) 1-0 Ashok Joglekar (Bhavgeet) 1-10 Naad Tarang 1-40 News (H) 1-50 Mahila Mandal.

353 m. (850 kc/s), 41 44 m. from 5-0 to 7-15 p.m., 61.98 m. from 7-30 to 11-0 p.m.

5-0 p.m. As in Bombay—A 5-30 Madan Bongale (Multani) 6-0 Haji Mohammad (Ghazal) 6-15 Calling Rural Listeners 7-15 As in Bombay—A 7-30 Commercial News 7-45 News (K) 8-0 News (M) 8-15 Marathi Songs 8-30 Bengali Rangbhoomi By B. V. Warekar 8-45 Narayan Dutt (Ghazal) 9-0 Madan Bongale (Behag) 9-30 Swar Mudrika 9-45 What should we expect from our Universities': Debate 10-0 "Peyar Ki Dak" Roopak by Raja Badhe 10-30 Anjani Bai Lolekar (Durga).

BARODA
250 m. (1,200 kc/s)

7-30 a.m Paraj and Lalit (Violin and Sarang) 7-40 Vyayam Shikhan 7-45 As in Ahmedabad 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Jagannath Jagtap (Pakhawaj) 8-30 Madhur Sangeet 8-45 News (G) 5-30 p.m. Songs from Screen 6-0 News (E) 6-10 Somabhai Mistry 6-20 Balmukund Balramdashji (Abhang) 6-30 Gramjano Mate 7-0 Vaividhya 7-15 Somabhai Mistry (Dilruba) 7-30 Hari G. Karanjgaokar (Bhimpalas) 7-45 Aapno Prant 8-0 Hemant Kumar 8-10 Locals 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Somabhai Mistry (Dilruba) 8-45 Hari G. Karanjgaokar (Madhuvani) 9-0 News (E) 9-15 Bharatiya Sangeet 9-30 As in Ahmedabad.

AHMEDABAD
326.1 m. (920 kc/s)

7-30 As in Baroda 7-45 Been Par Todi by M. D. Farridi 8-0 News (E) 8-15 Vrund Vadan 8-30 Parisima Bhachech 8-45 News (G) 5-30 p.m. As in Baroda 6-0 News (E) 6-10 As in Baroda 6-20 Bhakti Sudha 6-30 Majoor Bhaio Mate 7-0 Parisima Bhachech 7-15 As in Baroda 7-30 Vividh Geeto 7-45 Our province Talk (G) 8-10 Locals 8-15 News (G) 8-30 Uma Shanker Joshi Krut Geeto by P. Bhachech 8-45 Rag Vaividhya 9-0 News (E) 9-15 As in Baroda 9-30 M. K. D. Farridi.

N.-E. Monsoon Active

ALL-INDIA WEATHER

POONA, Nov. 17. (PTI): The following is the weather summary for Thursday the November 17, 1949:

The north-east monsoon has been vigorous along the north Coromandel South Circars coast. It has also extended into the rest of the Madras Presidency where local thunder rain has occurred. A few showers have also been reported from Mysore.

Night temperatures have risen appreciably over most parts of the Peninsula: They continued to be appreciably below normal elsewhere over the country.

FORECAST valid until the evening of 18th:— Thunderstorm rain will be widespread and locally heavy in the northern districts of south-east Madras, in South Circars, Mysore and the Madras Deccan. Thundershowers will also be widespread in south Hyderabad and the south Bombay Deccan and occur locally in the southern districts of South-East Madras and in Malabar. A few thundershowers are also likely in the north Deccan.

Night temperatures will rise in the Bombay Deccan, Gujarat and the southern districts of the Central Provinces.

The following is the weather chart showing the maximum and minimum temperatures and rainfall in inches during the past 24 hours from October 1, 1949 and departure from normal recorded at 08.00 hours, (I.S.T.) on November 17.

Ahmedabad 86 61 0 0.3 minus 0.1; Ajmer 79 46 0 0 minus 0 4: Allahabad — 50 0 4.1 plus 1.6: Bangalore 79 66 0.1 10.4 plus 2.3; Baroda 86 50 0 0.1 minus 2.4: Bhopal 78 46 0 3 7 plus 1 3; Bhuj 86 52 0 9 minus 0.3: BOMBAY 91 71 0 1.3 minus 1.7: Calcutta 88 81 0 3.6 minus 1.6: Cherrapunji 68 53 0 7.0 minus 14.7: Cochin 85 75 0.9 13 2 minus 5.4: Colombo 87 75 0.2 17.1 minus 6.7: Cuttack — 63 0 10.2 plus 3.6: Darjiling 57 42 0 3.5 minus 2.5: Dehra Dun 75 46 0 0 1 minus 1 4: Delhi 79 48 0 0 1 minus 0 4: Gwalior 78 42 0 1 0 —: Hyderabad 87 68 0 0.7 minus 2.7: Indore 78 43 0 4.5 plus 2.9: Jaipur 81 45 0 0 minus 0 5: Karachi 85 — — —: Lahore 81 42 0 0 minus 0 3: Lucknow 78 54 0 6 3 plus 4.9: Madras 75 72 4 7 9.7 minus 1 1 3: Mussoorie 62 47 0 0.2 minus 1.1; Mysore 81 69 0 10 1 plus 2.2: Nagpur 89 50 0 6 7 plus 3.9:, Pachmari 70 39 0 4.1 plus 1.3: Patiala 80 43 0 0 —: Peshawar 80 42 0 0 minus 0 2: Poona 83 58 0 4 6 minus 2.8: Port Blair 87 73 0 16.1 minus 2 6: Quetta 62 28 0 0 minus 0.1: Rajkot 87 60 0 0.2 minus 0 5: Ranchi 75 46 0 2.8 minus 0.8: Shillong 68 41 0 4.4 minus 3.6: Simla 60 44 0 0.2: minus 1.3: Surat 89 62 0 2.6 plus 0.9.

BOMBAY RADIO

Changes In Broadcast Wavelengths

The Wavelengths of the Shortwave Transmitters VUB 2 and 3 of this Station have been changed for the first transmission with effect from November 16.

The following is the new schedule:
BOMBAY A: Transmission I—244 (1,231 kc/s) metres 41.44 (7,240 ks/c) metres.
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Wavelengths during the other transmissions remain the same.

SUGAR QUOTA NOT TO BE INCREASED

Production In Province Not Enough

BOMBAY, Thursday.

It was authoritatively learnt in the Civil Secretariat today, that there is no likelihood of the present meagre quantum of 4 ozs. of sugar ration per person being increased in the near future, at least not till the beginning of the next year, at an optimistic estimate.

Nearly two thousand bags of sugar a day are being manufactured in the Province, by the four factories at Kolhapur, Belapur, Phalton and Sasurmali which have started crushing operations.

It is expected that the other ten factories in the Province will start the crushing before the end of December.

But, it was stated, the total quantity thus produced, was quiet inadequate considering the total requirements of the Province and the sugar position was not expected to improve, till the factories in U.P started crushing operations, and the overall sugar position of the country was known.

It is learnt that the Government has passed orders regarding the disposal of accumulated stocks of molasses, about which sugar producers had made a representation to the Government.

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DIRECTOR-GENERAL OF DISPOSALS.
NEW DELHI.

The Pulse Of The City

RACE: The Police told the City Coroner, Thursday, that two motor cycles B.M.Z. 299 and B.M.Z. 92 were racing along Lady Jamshedji Road, Mahim, from south to north. B.M.Z-299 in attempting to overtake the other crashed into the front wheel of No. 92, dragging on for over 150 feet, and then climbed a nearby pavement, fatally knocking down an unidentified pedestrian, 60. The old man was removed to hospital; died later.

'MILKY' Way: Some unknown persons entered the house of Sitaram Ramnaresh, a milkman residing at Andheri Road, Kurla, Wednesday night, and decamped with gold and silver ornaments and cash, worth Rs. 1,340. No arrests so far.

SPECIAL: Police arrested 39 rice smugglers during the last 48 hours, and recovered 800 lbs. of rice. The men were tracked down between Dadar and Kurla. It has now been decided, following a conference held between the Bombay Government officials and the Superintendent of Police, Poona, to draft in a special police force to check rice smuggling from the mofussil into the city. The above arrests are said to be a sequel to this tightening up.

POLICE-THIEF: Anant Waman, a constable formerly attached to the City police force went to a Wrist watch dealer at Abdul Rehman Street Wednesday, and asked him to show some watches. Meanwhile some other customers came to the shop and as the dealer was busy with them, Anant quietly pocketed a watch. Unfortunately, as he was about to leave, he was caught, 'watch-handed.'

ROBBED: Four persons assaulted, Wednesday afternoon, Ramshanker Rajaram Tiwari, a bill collector who was going along Fanaswadi, and robbed him of Rs 121. Police have arrested two alleged assailants, but Baburao who is stated to have assaulted the bill-collector is still at large.

SENTENCED: Sessions Judge B. M Honavar, concurring with the verdict of the special jury, sentenced to Transportation for life, Thursday morning, Abdul Rahimbux, a young hawker. The story goes that the accused in a state of intoxication stabbed Abdul Kader Rehman, another hawker near Elphinstone Bridge April 24 last. It was further stated that after committing this heinous offence he tried the same knife on another hawker. The latter, however, took to his heels.

ACQUITTED: Mr. M. P. M. Pillai, a resident of Podar Chambers, Fort, who was charged by his landlord with the offence of not having furnished information that he had sub-let the room in his occupation was ordered to be acquitted by Chief Presidency Magistrate Oscar Brown, Thursday.

BOGUS: K. K. Sharma, proprietor of an allegedly bogus company, styling itself as K. Hansraj & Co., placed an order with the Allied Agency for goods worth Rs. 1,124. In the same day, he purchased goods from the Warder's Mysore, another city firm and gave a cheque for Rs. 1,750. Both the companies alleged that the cheques issued by him were dishonoured. The police are still searching for the proprietor.

CELEBRATIONS: All the primary and secondary schools in the city participated in a group celebration at Esplanade Maidan, Thursday, in connection with the "Physical Education Day." Over 2,000 pupils took part.

UNSOLVED: The city C.I.D. have not been successful yet in identifying the body of a 18-year old woman found at Hanging Gardens.

ANOTHER ARREST: Chiman Sakharam Borare, a hawker, had gone to a hotel room at Juhu to sell fruits. While the inmate was busy, the hawker is alleged to have stolen a wallet containing Rs. 121. The Santa Cruz police arrested him, Tuesday.

FOG DELAYS: The new B.O.A.C. plane, 'Argonaut' which was due in Bombay on its maiden flight Thursday afternoon is delayed on account of fog in London.

CITY HEALTH: For the week ending November 12, the mortality rate of 681 was 33 less than in the preceding week and the death rate recorded was 23.8 on the census population of 1941 as against 691 deaths and the death rate 24.1 for the 46th week of 1948. Cholera and plague was absent during the week. Small-pox caused 5 attacks, including 4 cases imported, one each from Bijapur, Bandra and 2 from Jeddah There were 59 attacks (including 5 cases imported one each from Kurla, Ghatkopar, Andheri, Goregaon and Jogeshwari) and 15 deaths from Typhoid fever.

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Foreign Films Of The Week

REGAL:
"ONE MILLION B. C." starring Carol Landis, Victor Mature.

NEW EMPIRE:
"THE GREAT GATSBY" starring Alan Ladd.

METRO:
"IN THE GOOD OLD SUMMERTIME" starring Van Johnson, Judy Garland.

STRAND:
"16 FATHOMS DEEP" starring Lon Chaney, Lloyd Bridges, Eric Feldary.

EROS:
"REIGN OF TERROR" starring Robert Cummings, Ariene Dahl, Richard Baseheart.

AURORA:
"THE PALEFACE" starring Bob Hope, Jane Russell.

LIBERTY:
SUNDAY, morning at 10-30, Verdi's immortal opera, "LA TRAVIATA".

Judy Garland Musical At The Metro

STARRING Judy Garland and Van Johnson, M.G.M.'s "In The Good Old Summertime" is the current screenfare at the Metro. Set in the carefree period of some decades ago, the flim concerns a pair of music store employees who, unaware of each others' identities, carry on a romance through the post.

As in most musicals, the story merely provides a framework for the songs, several of which Judy sings, including "I don't Care," "Meet Me Tonight In Dreamland" and "Put Your Arms Around Me Honey." There are also some tuneful instrumental numbers woven into the plot. Teamed for the first time, the Garland-Johnson couple make a pleasant pair.

S. Z. Sakall contributes a liberal dash of comedy in his usual inimitable style, being cast as Spring Byington's sweetheart who has never, somehow, managed to lead her to the altar. Joe Pasternak was in charge of production, while the directorial assignment went to veteran Robert Z. Leonard.

Tyrone Power And Orson Welles Together

"Prince Of Foxes" a tale of the nefarious Cesare Borgia, has been filmed in its entirety in Italy. This 20th Century Fox historical drama is set against a background of centuries-old castles and fortresses where Borgia's bloodiest crimes were perpetrated.

In his greatest adventures role, Tyrone Power plays Andrea Orsini, first an ally of Cesare, later turning against his master to shatter his dreams of world conquest.

Orson Welles portrays the nefarious Cesare Borgia, while Wanda Hendrix, Everett Sloane, Katina Paxinou and others are prominently featured. This film soon to be released at the New Empire, was directed by Henry King.

ALAN LADD and BETTY FIELD IN PARAMOUNT'S "THE GREAT GATSBY".

Alan Ladd, Great As Gatsby

SET in the irresponsible "jazz age" of the twenties. Paramount's "The Great Gatsby" starring Alan Ladd, Betty Field, Macdonald Carey and Ruth Hussey is the current week's attraction at the New Empire.

Ladd, raised in squalor, is obsessed with the idea that all things have a price, including human beings, and learns the hard way that there are some things money will not buy. Having acquired a sizable fortune by peddling booze during prohibition, he buys a huge white elephant of a house to impress Betty Field, a former sweetheart who had jilted him for a rich playboy. With a character chiselled from hardest bedrock, Ladd has one weak spot, his infatuation for Betty. His insensate yearning for her blinds him completely to the rights of others, and it is inevitable that from a set-up like this, tragedy should result.

The unhappy, unsettled frustrated and fast-living atmosphere of the twenties has been excellently portrayed; but over the whole film hangs a pall of desire unfulfilled. a feeling that life is utterly futile. the unexpressed thought "drink deep for tomorrow we die".

Ladd has given a fine characterisation of a complex nature: a nature in which brute power is wedded to idealism, absolute selflessness to an abnormal egotism.

Betty Field echoes her portrayal in "King's Row" as the weak and frustrated sweetheart who, while she has Ladd's violent yearning, yet lacks his intensity of purpose. About the only completely normal character throughout is Macdonald Carey. Betty's cousin, who is disgusted with the utter selfishness of all those round him. Henry Hull contributes a gem of acting as the yachtsman who taught Ladd his philosophy of Mammon, while Howard da Silva gives a fine portrayal of the cuckold who kills the wrong man when he treads the paths of vengeance.

Undersea Melodrama At The Strand

PHOTOGRAPHED entirely in Ansco colour, Monogram's "16 Fathoms Deep" which is the current week's offering at the Strand is the first feature film to use this process.

While the darker tints have registered beautifully, the warmer colours an of the spectrum, particularly the orange, appear blotchy. This however, is purely by the way, and the general effect of Ansco colour is satisfactory, particularly in the underwater scenes.

A story of the sponge fishers of the Florida Gulf, the film traces the adventures of a group of fishermen who attempt to make their way in life without the interference of Lon Chaney, an extremely unpleasant character who loans money to the boatmen and forecloses the mortgages on their craft the moment he possibly can. Chaney, in love with Eric Feldary's sweetheart, attempts to ruin him by planting one of his men on the latter's boat. Soon everything seems to go wrong; air lines are fouled, tow ropes are cut adrift, and finally murder is committed. However, God's mills grind slowly, and the avenging Angal ultimately catches up with Chaney who dies a horrible death impaled on a sponge fork.

Highlighting this fine film is the submarine photography which includes some dramatic shots of divers struggling for their lives against the creatures of the deep. Dramatic values have been kept uppermost, and in addition to Chaney's fine portrayal as the villain, there are good characterisations by Lloyd Bridges and John Qualen, while Arthur Lake provides very necessary light relief in a typical Dagwood role.

Judy Garland and Van Johnson together for the first time in a New M-G-M technicolor hit "In the Good Old Summertime".

Revolution Is Its Theme

'REIGN OF TERROR' AT THE EROS

THE French Revolution has proved a happy hunting ground for Hollywood. The week's fare at the Eros, Walter Wanger's "Reign of Terror," is a realistic, and at times brutal tale of the unhappy days of post-revolutionary France, when a careless word dropped from unguarded lips often led the guillotine. The central figure in this drama is the Satanic Roberspierre. Brilliant, cunning, treacherous, utterly ruthless, his absolute fanaticism alienates even his erstwhile supporters, and soon there is a plot to overthrow him.

This plot entails the capture of Robespierre's notorious "Black Book" in which are written the names of all the supposed traitors to France.

Before the tyrant is finally overthrown, we have plots and counterplots, intrigues, escapes and butchery in liberal doses.

The complex character of Roosespierre is portrayed with distinction by Richard Basehart, while that fine actor Robert Cummings plays the patriot who perforce has to impersonate the executioner of Strasbourg to gain access to Robespierre. As one of Cummings' helpers, Arlene Dahl is charming as the girl who is willing to give her life so that the conspiracy might succeed. Richard Hart, Arnold Moss and Beulah Bondi shine in their respective roles.

Just the thing for lovers of realism on the screen, this well-produced drama is definitely not for the squeamish, portions of it being thoroughly gruesome.

PRE-HISTORIC TALE AT REGAL

Set in the world of a million years ago, Hal Roach's "One Million B.C." has been re-issued this week at the Regal. The film features various monsters that roamed the earth before the dawn of history, and though biological canons are at times violated, the dinosauri and other creatures are on the whole well depicted.

Among the human stars we have Victor Mature and Carroll Landis proving that love was love even in those bygone days. Enjoyable enough if not taken too seriously, the film boasts some exciting encounters between rival camps of per-historic warriors, and there are thrills to satiate the most avid juvenile fan.

FILM ON INDIA

"INDIA and Pakistan" is the title of the new issue of "This Modern Age" the monthly film review dealing with home and international affairs which is produced in Britain by the J. Arthur Rank Organisation.

To obtain material for the film a three-man unit consisting of a camera-man, an assistant and a research writer, spent over 12 months travelling the length and breadth of the two countries, taking "shots" of the industrial and agricultural life of the two countries, their mountains and their deserts, their jungles and their plains, the towns and villages their people at work and at play.

Before its general release the film was given a private showing in London before a large audience, many of whom had spent the greater part of their lives on the sub-continent.

Said one film critic who was present at this showing: "The film packs into 20 minutes essential facts about the two countries."

LIVE SHOTS

Apart from the scenes taken by the camera unit, extracts from newsreels depicting outstanding events in the recent history of the sub-continent are included. After giving glimpses of the sub-continent's ancient history and the development achieved during the past two centuries the film touches on the problems which face the leaders of the two countries today.

The progress and problems of the two countries will be dealt with more fully in two further films that are to be made in this series one dealing with India and the other with Pakistan. They, like the one now being shown in Britain, will later be distributed in India and Pakistan.

CITY & SUBURBS

TODAY

Hindu: Kartik Vad 13, 2006.
Muslim: Mohurrum 26, 1369
Parsi: Khordad 17, 1319
Sunrise 6-47 a.m., Sunset 6-0 p.m.
Hightide 09.47, 22.50, Lowtide 03.50, 16.12.

Local Engagments

COMMERCE GRADUATES ASSOCIATION: Sir Chunilal Bhaichand Mehta will speak on "India and Devaluation" at 6-15 p.m. at Greens Hotel.

CITIZENS' PARLIAMENT: Inaugural meeting at Anjuman-E-Ismail High School at 6-15 p.m. Mr. S. K. Patil, Mayor will inaugurate.

WORLD PEACE AND UNITY SOCIETY: Celebration of 60th birthday of the Prime Minister of India at Taj at 5 p.m.

THE INDIAN TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ASSOCIATION: Lecture by Mr. N. V. Modak, Special Engineer, Bombay Municipality at 6 p.m. at the Local Self-Government Institute, 11, Elphinstone Circle. Subject: Public Health and Environment Hygiene.

SOCIAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE: Representatives of Women's Organisations' meeting at Jinnah Hall at 4-30. Mr. V. L. Mehta, Finance Minister of Bombay to preside.

WOMEN'S PROTEST MEETING: Public meeting of women of Bombay to protest against "scarcity of sugar" at Brahman Sabha Hall, at 5 p.m. Mrs. Urmila Mehta, President of the All-India Women's Conference will preside.

BOMBAY YOUNG WOMEN'S CHRISTIAN ASSOCIATION: "International Evening" at Y. M. C. A., Mayo Road, at 6 p.m.

BOMBAY SHOWS THE WAY EXHIBITION: Rani Maharaj Singh will visit the exhibition at 6-30 p.m.

SUBURBAN MUSIC CIRCLE: A concert of classical music by Kesar Bai Kerker will be held on Saturday November 19 at 9-30 p.m. in the Gujerati Hindu Stree Mandal Hall, Tagore Road, Santa Cruz.

75th Anniversary Of Bombay Y. M. C. A.

BOMBAY, Thursday: This year (1949-50) is the 75th anniversary of the Bombay Y.M.C.A. and a week of celebration, from November 20 to 26 as well as special entertainments in December and January, has been planned.

The Bombay Y.M.C.A. which started with 70 members has now well over 15,000 members who enjoy the amenities provided through its hostels and organised programmes. There are four branches and they have activities like International Club, Toast Master's Club, Neighbour's Club, "SoEd" Club, Cine Club, Brain Trust, Concerts, Reading Room and Library, and indoor and outdoor games like football and hockel, billiards and badminton.

Shamdasani's Application Dismissed

(Before the Hon'ble Mr. Justice Tendolkar)

P. D. Shamdasani ..... Applicant
Versus
H. C. Captain, Managing Director of the Central Bank of India Ltd. .... Respondent.

His Lordship dismissed an application presented by Shamdasani under the "Original Criminal Jurisdiction" of the High Court under Section 476 of the Criminal Procedure Code for an order that it may, after such preliminary inquiry as may be necessary, record a finding and make a complaint against the respondent for having intentionally given false evidence and/or fabricated false evidence and committed an offence under Section 193 I.P.C. in respect of a suit filed by the applicant against the Central Bank of India Ltd., filed in 1943 claiming certain reliefs in connection with the forfeiture of his shares, which had been dismissed by his Lordship on 3rd August, 1949.

The applicant had presented this application to his Lordship on 12th October, 1949, when his Lordship had expressed an opinion that the applicant should have taken out a Notice of Motion instead of making an application under the Criminal Jurisdiction of the High Court. The applicant, however, had the matter placed on his Lordship's board for deciding the maintainability of the application. Finding the matter on board, the respondent appeared by counsel.

At the hearing of the application referring to the view previously expressed by him, his Lordship remarked, "Free advice is seldom followed."

The applicant contended that the proceeding being one under Section 476 of the Criminal Procedure Code must of necessity be made under the Criminal Jurisdiction of the Court and not under its civil jurisdiction.

Characterising the applicant's contention as untenable, his Lordship pointed out that a question of this nature under Section 476 could arise in any Court civil, revenue or criminal. His Lordship held that when it arose out of proceedings in a civil suit as in the present case, the proper procedure was by an application under its civil jurisdiction and not under criminal jurisdiction which that Court might not possess. His Lordship left the question whether the application could be made only by a Notice of Motion, open for future decision.

The applicant having declined to avail himself of the opportunity to convert the present application into a proper one, his Lordship dismissed it.

The applicant appeared in person.

Mr. R. J. Kolah instructed by Messrs. Payne and Co., appeared for the respondent.

DR. DASGUPTA RETIRES

Municipal Executive Health Officer

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Dr. B. C. Dasgupta Executive Health Officer of the Bombay Municipality has retired from service. Dr. K. A. Choksi, Assistant Health Officer will officiate in the place of Dr. Dasgupta till the vacancy is filled in by a new nominee.

A resolution appreciating the services of the retiring Health Officer was passed unanimously at a meeting of the Medical Relief and Public Health Committee today. Mr. Mirza Akhtar Husein presided.

Cattle Export Ban

BOMBAY, Thursday: The Government of Bombay has issued orders prohibiting export of buffaloes, cows, heifers and calves from Baroda, Mehsana and Amreli districts to any place within the province outside these districts. The orders have been published in part I of the Government Gazette, Extraordinary, dated November 18, 1949.

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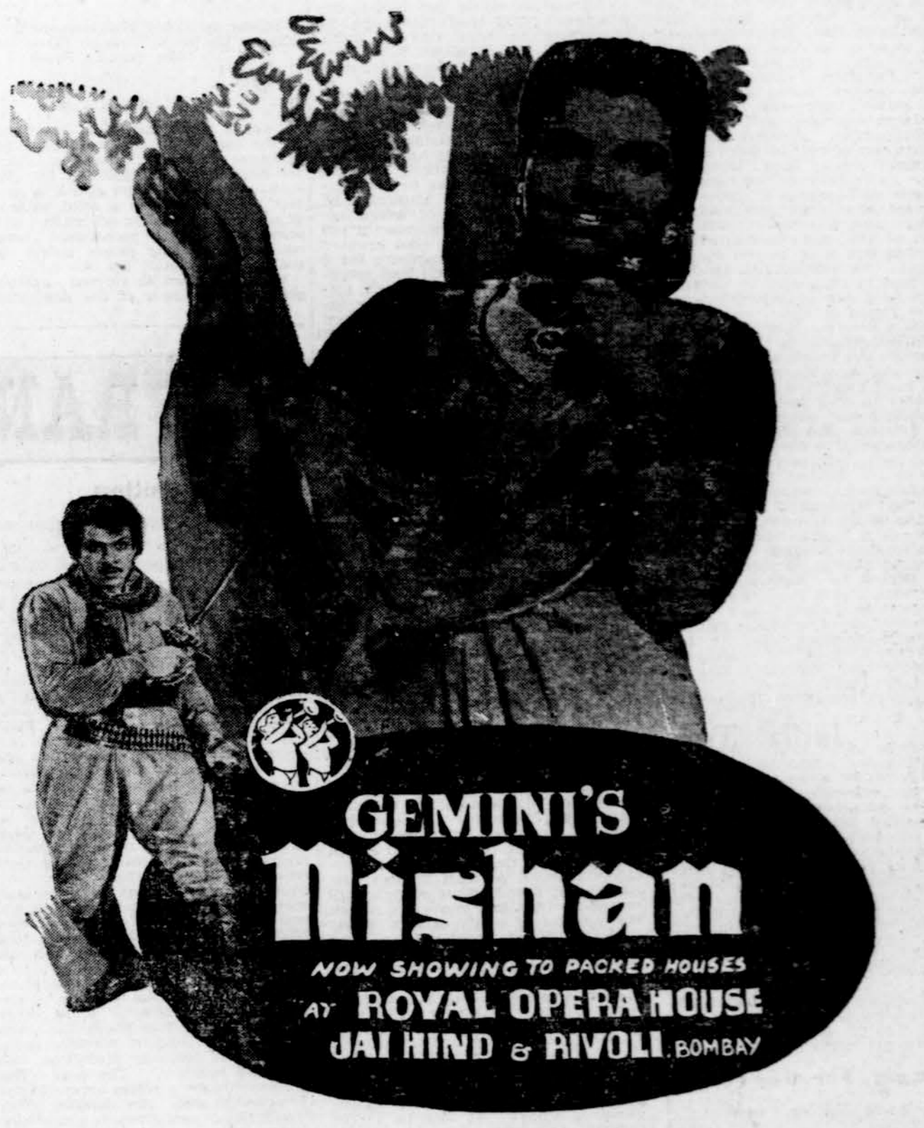

The Bombay Chronicle

THE R. S. S. DECISION

In view of the fact that the statements already put out by the Congress President and the Congress Secretary on the attitude of the party to the R.S.S. have been not only unsatisfactory but even confusing, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's hint that the whole position would be "clarified" soon either by the Congress President or the Congress Secretary is not very reassuring. Both these dignitaries have "explained" the Working Committee decision as nothing more than a particular application of the general policy that anyone who seeks admission to the Congress, will be admitted. They had little use for objections raised on the ground that whole attitude and actions of the R.S.S. were a contradiction of Congress principles; and they brushed them aside as irrelevant. What explanation can be expected from men of this way of thinking? It is evident that some face-saving device will be evolved to extricate the two office-bearers from the major indiscretion that they have been guilty of. Whilst provinces which were revolted by the "elucidation", sent protests and asked for an A.I.C.C. meeting to consider the position, both Dr. Pattabhi and Mr. Kala Venkata Rao persisted in their "interpretation". Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru in his remarks has clearly shown the differences between the Congress and the R.S.S. which preclude any thought of admitting members of the Sangh into the Congress. Between the two organisations lies the yawning gulf which separates nationalism from communalism. Pandit Jawaharlal has not sprung anything new on either the public or the other members of the Congress Working Committee. He had declared at a public meeting in the United Provinces less than a fortnight before the adoption of the decision that the R.S.S. needed watching. And it was not by any means a mere personal opinion. In the circumstances, an explanation is due to the Congress and to the public as to how so great a lapse from major policy took place. Dr. Pattabhi has already remarked that he did not understand the full significance of the "clarification" given to the Bihar Congress. That leaves him a back-door now should the Working Committee take into consideration the fundamental objections reiterated by Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru to the admission of R.S.S. members into the Congress But a very unsatisfactory state of affairs has been disclosed which needs correction.

It is apparent that the Congress Working Committee drifted unthinkingly into this major error of judgment. Dr. Pattabhi has explained that the agenda is not generally circulated and that items on it are taken in their order for consideration. It is very unflattering to the Party that the only custodian of its principles—for this is what it all amounts to—is Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru and that the moment his attention is diverted elsewhere, the Central Party Executive slides into decisions. The procedural chaos can be remedied by a mere mechanical change. If the agenda is circulated in advance, it will eliminate accidents and incidents. Apart from this elementary change, the incident shows that the Congress Party stands in urgent need of reorganisation and of constructive political education within the Party itself. The whole burden cannot be borne by Pandit Jawaharlal alone, particularly now that the responsibilities of office also rest on his shoulders. It cannot be seriously argued that all idealism has died out of the Party although it is possible that the leaders are jaded and worn out by over-work. Some effort should be made to distribute the responsibility of maintaining the integrity of Congress policy on men who have a clear and unfaltering grasp of the principles of the Gandhian Congress. India never had more need of these men than she has today. And the Congress, if is to rescued from the expediencies of politicians who devise policies with one eye on the electorates, must find a way of attracting back to public life, and through its own organisation, those ardent spirits who have withdrawn from the field. After all, it is no great credit to the Working Committee members who were present when the question from Bihar was debated, that a "snap" vote was possible. A party executive is not a legislative assembly. It is supposed to be a well-knit compact committee of like-thinking men.

Clearing The Air

The communal agitation which preceded the partition of India, has given rise to an initial misconception abroad: Foreign opinion has tended to assume that partition separated completely the Muslims from the non-Muslims. They are not bothered by the Muslims who remain in India, or the non-Muslims in Pakistan. An Islamic State was agitated for; a separate State was carved out of India and given over to the leaders of the Islamic State campaign: and the general assumption is that all Muslims in India have migrated to Pakistan. Most of the Pakistan leaders being from India—most of those heard of abroad particularly—the assumption is all the stronger: and their own preoccupations prevent the public in other countries from inquiring more closely into things Indian. The moment any mention is made of Muslims in India, it is assumed that they are leading a forced and miserable existence. Much of this misunderstanding is innocent but it is played upon by foreign correspondents in India who find in this state of affairs a ready field for sensation-mongering. There is also an element which is bent on mischief because stable conditions in this part of the world are intolerable to it. The Hyderabad and Kashmir incidents have been exploited for communal purposes to the limit, deliberately misleading the public in Britain and America and elsewhere. And the Conservative Press has played a sinister role in such propaganda. Even in the United Nations these misconceptions have found expression. Hyderabad was presented as a Muslim State because its ruler was a Muslim; Kashmir was a Muslim State because of its overwhelming Muslim population; and both should by natural process unite with Pakistan. The solution seemed simple and it was hammered into the public mind by open and insidious ways. If these "perfectly natural" developments did not occur, then the blame was placed on India.

In his reference to Kashmir at the press conference in Delhi, Pandit Jawaharlal restated the position. Pandit Jawaharlal made it clear that the two-nation theory of Mr. Jinnah was never accepted by India. The partition was not on a religious basis in the sense that the Pakistan Government assumed the responsibility for all Indian Muslims. The interminglingle of Muslims and non-Muslims is so great that partition in this sense could not be accomplished. And that intermingling continues to this day in India. Moreover, the Muslims here have been accepted as Indian nationals, with rights equal to those of others. There have been difficulties in adjustment—on both sides: On the non-Muslim side because of the Pakistan attitude towards its minorities and as a reaction to partition which led misguided Hindu fanatics to communal excesses; on the Muslim side, because the removal of weightages and communal representation and other privileges had created a more cramped atmosphere for a reduced minority which had moreover lost its leaders through migration to Pakistan. But the secular ideal is steadily held before the nation—and, if on occasion it has to be fought for, it might be said of every other worthwhile ideal. Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru made all this and much more clear beyond doubt. But do those who have been indulging in misrepresentation, do so because of ignorance? And is there no means by which Government can restrain foreign correspondents from maligning the country from which they operate—and Indian pressmen too? To those who have been loudly protesting against restrictions on freedom of the press, we would point to the difference between India and Pakistan where a newspaper was suspended for some months because it printed a report predicting a compromise over Kashmir. We do not want the Indian Government to go that far but there must surely be some attitude more satisfactory than the present latitude.

India To The Rescue

We are very glad to note that India is taking steps at the United Nations to save South-West Africa and its unfortunate people from the wolfish plans of the White masters of South Africa. It was a territory handed over by the League of Nations to South Africa to be administered as a mandated area till South-West Africa had been trained and prepared by the mandatory power for self-government. The South African Government has of course repudiated any responsibility about this area to the United Nations Organisation, which is in a very real and universally accepted sense, the heir to the League of Nations. And needless to say, there is no question of Dr. Malan or General Smuts of honouring any obligation to prepare the people for self-government. Once the territory is incorporated into the Union of South Africa, as is the declared intention of South African Whites, the natives of South West Africa, will never be free any more than can the natives of South Africa. What is planned by South Africa—and both Dr. Malan and General Smuts have defiantly proclaimed it—is an international and human outrage and is a challenge both to the authority and the principles of the United Nations. To settle the issue of the alleged right of South Africa and the international status of South West Africa conclusively India has proposed reference of it to the International Court of Justice. We cannot see how any power can oppose this resolution without proving itself a conscious and deliberate abettor of an international crime.

Thought For The Day

Knowledge without Conscience,

is but the ruine of the soule.

—RABELAIS

Tete-à-Tete

WITHOUT COMMENT.

Dr. Pattabhi said, the demand for a separate Maharashtra Province was an infant movement and it would appear that they were prepared to wait till conditions were ripe for incorporating the City of Bombay in the proposed Maharashtra Province. That seemed to be general desire in Maharashtra.

—New Delhi Report.

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The Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, has declared that the R.S.S. approach does not fit in with the Congress mentality because the Congress approach is non-communal while the R.S.S. approach is essentially communal.

We are glad the right perspective is being rescued and restored to things.

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Because the R.S.S. was a non-Congress volunteer organisation, it was, the Prime Minister explained, evident that as soon as an RSS member joined the Congress the question would arise whether he could remain a member of the R.S.S.

The question should arise BEFORE, shouldn't it?

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Tracing the origin of the Kashmir trouble, partition and so on, Pandit Nehru said there were reasons and justification for feeling that "this communal separatism that had grown in India had been greatly encouraged by the British Government in this country not today but for a generation."

And more.

Also the tradition, we are bound to acknowledge, is being nobly kept up today too by, for instance, His ex-Excellency Field Marshal Earl Wavell.

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At the same Press Conference. Pandit Nehru said that the "money factor" in American life did not appeal to him too much, although one could not do without money.

We can personally bear witness to the fact that he is right. Only too painfully right.

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Flushing Meadow, November 15: India declared today that any refusal by administering powers to give details of how they were promoting self-government or independence in Trust territories would give rise to "misgivings" about their real attitude.

Politely put.

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Addressing pressmen in Bombay on his return from Europe, Dr. Ram Manohar Lohia urged that a third force, believing in active neutrality and working for "revolutionary peace" was the only means of averting another world conflagration.

Meaning to say?

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Russia yesterday criticised the dropping of the atom bomb on Hiroshima.

—Lake Success Report.

Hurray!

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Colonel McCormick, the proprietor of the famous American paper, the "Chicago Tribune", announces plans for protection of employees in the event of an atom bomb attack in shelters which will have a solid bulwark of newsprint. Atomic scientists, it is announced further pronounce them safe for sheltering people unless the shelters are directly hit.

Which all goes to furnish another proof of the power of the newsprint.

Third Reading Of The Draft Constitution

100 MEMBERS TO TAKE PART IN DEBATE

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17 (P. T.I.).

THE Constituent Assembly today began the third reading of the Draft Constitution. Nearly a hundred members—one third of the total membership—are expected to participate in the debate. The normal time limit for speeches will be 20 minutes.

During today's debate the only speaker who gave unqualified support to the Draft Constitution was Mr. Muniswamy Pillay, Madras Harijan Member, who warmly welcomed the provision abolishing untouchability and assured the House, "the Harijans will uphold this Constitution to the last man".

The only unqualified opponent was Mr. Lakshminarayan Sahu (Orissa), who described the Draft Constitution as "worthless" and compared it to a "cocktail" which "only non-teetotallers can appreciate".

Other members criticised the Constitution from various angles but expressed the view that in practice, if the Constitution was worked in the right spirit, the defects could be overcome.

HOMAGE TO MAHATMA

Mahatma Gandhi was in every speaker's thoughts and his name was mentioned in homage no less than 14 times in three hours. Tributes were also paid to President Rajendra Prasad, Pandit Nehru and Sardar Patel and the Drafting Committee headed by Dr. Ambedkar for their contributions to the draft.

Prof. N. G. Ranga (Madras) was unhappy over the centralisation of power but declared that in several ways the Assembly had set an example to other countries in the world. While President Truman was still trying to persuade the United States Congress to grant civil liberties to the Negroes, he said, untouchability had been abolished in the Indian Constitution. By adopting the Chapter relating to Tribal People, the House had set an example to the imperialist powers holding sway over African tribes.

The Chairman of the Drafting Committee, Dr. B. R. Ambedkar moved in the Constituent Assembly today that "the Constitution as settled by the Assembly be passed."

Members cheered him in expectation of a speech, but Dr. Ambedkar decided to let other members have their say first.

The President, Dr. Rajendra Prasad told the house that till last evening 71 members had conveyed to him their desire to speak during the third reading and some additional names had come in this morning. If the house sat for three days this week and five days next week, it would have 24 hours for the debate and, if every member who wanted to speak spoke for twenty minutes, this period would be sufficient for all.

Till the end of this week the house would sit daily from 10 a. m. to 1 p.m. but if the progress was not satisfactory it might have two sittings daily next week.

Mr. V. I. Muniswamy Pillay (Madras), who was the first speaker assured the President that "Harijans would uphold the constitution to the last man."

Seth Govind Das (Central Provinces) congratulated Dr. B. R. Ambedkar, Pandit Jawaharlal and Sardar Patel for their part in framing the constitution.

Seth Govind Das however expressed his disapproval of the constitution being passed in English and not in Hindi.

"HOTCH POTCH" & "COCKTAIL"

Mr. Lakshminarayan Sahu (Orissa) expressed his "bitter disappointment" at the way the Constitution had been framed and described it as "worthless".

Mr. Sahu charged the Drafting Committee and Congress leaders like Pandit Nehru with having deviated from the ideal they had set before the House, namely, a sovereign independent democratic republic.

He said that Dr. Ambedkar, who had been constantly asked to make changes in the Constitution by the majority party, had succeeded in making a "hotch potch of the Constitution".

Comparing the Constitution to a "cocktail", Mr. Sahu added that it would be only liked by those who were not teetotallers.

NEW CHAINS OF SLAVERY

Mr. Sahu's primary objection was that provinces had been reduced to the status of municipalities: no province could regard itself as free when the new Constitution was inaugurated, he said. The provinces had been tied with new chains of slavery. Secondly, he objected to India remaining in the Commonwealth.

Thirdly, he could not understand why the "charkha" had been replaced by Asoka's "Chakra" (wheel) on the national flag. Fourthly, he wanted to know what place Socialism would have in the Constitution.

Even as regards prohibition, the present policy of the Government was to advise the provinces to "go slow"; in the new Constitution civil liberties had been curtailed to an even greater extent than under the British regime.

There was no place for cottage industries and rights of the villagers. Capital punishment had not been abolished. There was no attempt at decentralisation.

Mr. Sahu said that he was doubtful whether this Constitution was workable in the future.

ENGLISH BAND

Mr. K. Hanumanthaiya (Mysore) said that while the principles of liberty, equality and fraternity embodied in the Constitution were a matter on which the House could congratulate itself, there were other features in the Constitution which might not come up to the expectations of many people.

The Constitution-makers had discarded the idea of decentralisation, favoured by Mahatma Gandhi. Democracy had instead been centred round Delhi, just as holiness for the Hindus had been centred round Benaras. The provinces and states were viewed with suspicion. Speaking as a representative from Indian states, he almost felt that by adopting Article 371 (placing states under the general control of the Centre for ten years), the House had not treated the states in a manner that was in keeping with their self-respect.

ROOM FOR FASCISM

Prof. K. T. Shah, Bombay Economist, while paying a tribute to the Drafting Committee, felt that the Constitution did not provide for a working democracy. There was even room in it for the development of Fascism, he said.

The House had rejected his amendments seeking to provide for consultation of the people by means of a referendum. The excuse for rejecting it was that the people of India needed better education and greater experience of democracy before such divisions could be made.

If similar arguments put forth by the British had been accepted, India would not have been a self-governing country today.

"You are lacking in faith not only in the people but even in your leadership", Prof. Shah said.

"RIGHT TO BE DETAINED"

The chapters dealing with Fundamental Rights and civil liberties and directives of State policy were other instances in which those who entertained ideals of freedom felt disappointed. Every right given had been unduly restricted.

It was a great pity that even such a simple right as the right to personal freedom had been made subject to what a cynic had described as "the right to be detained for three months without trial".

In spite of these and many other defects, said Prof. Shah, he was not prepared to say that the Constitution should be rejected. Notwithstanding its defects and shortcomings, it should be worked in a manner which would ensure the establishment of a real democracy if not immediately, at least within five or ten years.

THEY DID NOT WASTE THEIR TIME

Mr. R. K. Sidhwa (Central Provinces) supporting the motion of Dr. Ambedkar "with great joy and pleasure", said they had taken nearly three years to prepare the Constitution. The 313 articles had grown to 395 and during their deliberations nearly 220 had been scrapped.

He did not agree with the criticism that they had wasted their time or that some of the members had tabled amendments for the sake of amendments and speaking.

Even though the press had not been able to publish these proceedings in full, it had helped to make the people aware and conscious of the provisions of the Constitution.

Mr. Sidhwa said the "redeeming features" of the Constitution were the Citizenship Article, the Chapter on Foundamental Rights, introduction of adult franchise, abolition of communalism and separate electorates and the independence of the Judiciary.

Referring to the criticisms against these he said freedom of speech did not mean licence of speech. He also hoped that judges would not become "puffed up" with the position given to them.

MEMORABLE DAY

Prof. N. G. Ranga (Madras) said it was a memorable day and they had begun "mutual felicitations" in the great task they had performed.

It was also a memorable day because with the blessings of the members and the President and the two leaders, Sardar Patel and Pandit Nehru, a new Province (Andhra) was being brought into being. He was sorry that the founder of the movement, Deshabandhu Kanda Venkatapayya, was not alive to see it come into being.

While England, Canada, France and other countries had taken several centuries to be able to come to an agreement amongst the different denominations among the Christians themselves, they in India had been able to arrive at a solution which would be considered "truly progressive" by not only constitutionalists but also sociologists and others.

He was, however, unhappy about the degree of centralisation provided for in the Constitution.

BAD DRAFTING

Mr. Nasiruddin Ahmed (West Bengal) who had tabled or moved more than a thousand amendments, most of which were of a drafting nature, said that the drafting of the Constitution was "very bad". It would lead to a "lawyers' paradise", as Mr. T. T. Krishnamachari before joining the Drafting Committee had pointed out on many occasions.

Mr. Ahmed who devoted most of his 20 minutes to charging the Drafting Committee with having taken "indulgence with English grammar", complained that several of his "punctuation" amendments were not considered by the House. But wrong punctuation and grammatical construction would create serious difficulties in the future.

Mr. Ahmed's other complaint against the Drafting Committee was that it had "quietly accepted" many of his amendments without acknowledging them. He attributed to the Committee a "sort of bashfulness and nervousness" in accepting amendments tabled by others.

Mr. B. Das (Orissa) said that even the Socialists could not have produced a Constitution which differed fundamentally from the one before the House.

Demanding that on January 26, India should cut adrift from the Commonwealth, Mr. Das said, "We cannot render economic justice to our people.

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MANU OF MODERN INDIA

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17 (P.T.I.): Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhury (Assam) asked in the Constituent Assembly today how Dr. B. R. Ambedkar Chairman of the Drafting Committee, could be called the "Manu of Modern India", as he had sponsored the Hindu Code Bill.

Seth Govind Das who was eulogising Dr. Ambedkar's services in shaping the Constitution replied that he had called Dr. Ambedkar the "Manu of Modern India" because of his exceptional ability.

Seth Govind Das added that he himself was "deadly opposed" to the Hindu Code Bill.

OUR READERS' VIEWS

Incompetence

I think the present muddle is due to the colossal incompetence that appears to be prevailing supreme in some of the Departments of our Central as well as Provincial cabinets. The sooner some of these Ministers both Central and Provincial, are shown the doors the better for them and for the Indian Dominion too. Will the Congress Party rise to the occasion, dislodge some of these ministers who are responsible for the whole muddle and make way for better Congressmen who, I am sure, can manage all those problems in a much better manner than those who have been working at the problem for more than two years and have been found absolutely incompetent to do the job properly?

—R. V. CHIPLUNKAR.

Ratnagiri.

Timely Lesson

All vocal elements in the country have been clamouring in season and out of season about the inefficiency of our National Government. Although it must be conceded that there is ample scope for improvement for the Government, the public loses sight of considerable embarrassment caused to the Government by reason of corruption among many officials. It is high time that the officials learnt a lesson from the statement made by our beloved Prime Minister Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru while in Bombay on his arrival from America. Even with the best policy, the Government cannot be expected to succeed in achieving their goal unless those in charge of carrying out their policy are above reproach.

—V. F. S.

Bombay, 16th November, 1949.

Amendment To Companies Act

The proposals contained in the memorandum on the amendments of the Indian Companies Act issued by the Ministry of Commerce deserve warm welcome. Mr. Jalan bases his opposition to the said amendments on three grounds. (1) They should be postponed till the economy of the country is stabilised. (2) They will not ensure healthy growth of joint stock enterprise and conditions of confidence in the minds of investors. (3) The Managing Agency system is withdrawn thereby. Fourteen years have elapsed since the amendment of the Indian Company's Act. It is high time that it should be overhauled. The economy of the country would be more easily stabilised if lakhs of rupees smuggled away by malpractices and misdeeds of a large section of the Managing Agents under various heads are effectively controlled as is sought to be done. The investors have not to worry at all. They would place more confidence in the Managing Agents under the amended Act than today; besides they get an easy right of redress, representation on the Board of Directors and security for prescribed dividend. The hands of honest and straightforward managing agents become more strengthened by the amendments. Instead of abolishing the system the proposals give it a long lease of twenty years' life. The opposition is ill-conceived, ill-timed and without any foundation in fact. Government should go ahead with the proposals.

—SARABHAI DALAL.

Ahmedabad.

Relations With Pakistan

Allow me to extend a warm welcome to the sentiments expressed by Mr. Khilnani in a letter which appeared in your issue of November 9, 1949, under the above heading. Mr. Khilnani's point of view that "in the friendship of the two Dominions lies our greatness and strength" is one that deserves serious consideration from all thinking men on both sides of the border.

Signs of goodwill in both Dominions are not wanting but unfortunately the atmosphere is vitiated by the Kashmir tangle. Everybody will remember the atmosphere of goodwill which prevailed in the two countries after the "cease-fire" in Kashmir, and the present unhappy relationship following difficulties over Trucs. Pakistan is the source of raw materials (cotton, jute, foodgrains) for India, and surest market for her manufactured goods. Mutual economic collaboration is in the interest of both countries. Even from the point of view of defence, it is desirable that the two countries should collaborate. It will be recalled that the late Quaid-e-Azam in an interview to a Swiss journalist offered a "Joint Defence Pact." Let us hope that the leadership in two countries will not be found wanting in its ability to amicably solve Kashmir on a fair oasis and pave the way for "the mutual help and co-operation" to which Mr. Khilnani refers.

—GHULAM ALI MEMON.

Karachi.

FRANKLY SPEAKING

Sugar Position

Whatever professional malcontents may have to say, rationing of sugar has brought temporary relief to city people. Whatever be the quantity, everyone is now getting his share. It is unfortunate that the Bombay Government has not been able to introduce sugar rationing in all towns and villages of the province. As soon as the Government gets stocks, these places should be given first priority. The latest reports state though four factories at Kolhapur, Belapur, Phalton and Sasurmali have started producing 2,000 bags of sugar a day and ten more factories will begin crushing by the end of December, there is no hope of increase in the meagre quantum of 4 ozs. per head. There is already a clamour from the sugar trade to lift the control. Interested parties are putting all the blame on the Government's head for the muddle. No doubt the Government is sadder and wiser by its past experience and will not allow itself to be stampeded into lifting the control before the time is ripe. It is a welcome sign that the Government of India has asked the Tariff Board to conduct a comprehensive enquiry into the working of the Indian Sugar Syndicate and other allied matters. The Board has also been asked to enquire whether it is necessary to continue protection to the sugar industry. The next few months will see a tussle between the Government and the industry. As Pandit Nehru said, there is a tendency on the part of people "to think that if we are polite, we surrender. We have had all the time to be polite even to our enemies and opponents. We shall continue to be polite except when we lose our tempers." Industrialists may well heed his warning and trim their sails accordingly. It is regretted that the Government has not taken seriously the suggestion of importing just enough sugar to meet the deficit to bring out underground sugar and stabilise prices. It will not be a bad just enough sugar to meet the deficit pile, maintaining a foreign sugar reserve, was considered seriously.

The 'Spirit Of The Age'

In an interesting survey of the Sterling Problem, Professor Lionel Robbins of the London School of Economics, has some very pertinent remarks on the appeals to produce more which might be taken to heart by our Ministers as well. Dr. Robbins writes, "It is all very well for Ministers to get up at week-ends and make patriotic appeals to manufacturers to recognise the paramount necessity of exports. The experience of the last few years shows that manufacturers in this country are by no means deaf to such exhortations. But they are a poor substitute for the day-to-day incentive of possible extra gain. And it is just this incentive which tends to be deadened by a high marginal rate of taxation. Speaking generally, it must surely be recognized that the conditions now prevailing in this country are the reverse of conducive to enterprise. Everywhere the striking out of new paths is hampered by administrative control and legislative uncertainty, and these are but the sign of something deeper. With us, the spirit of the age is inimical to the spirit of enterprise; a levelling passion is abroad, restrictive of spontaneity Distracted over-worked men at the centre dictate and limit the activities of a periphery which becomes more and more apathetic. While this state of affairs persists, it is not easy to be optimistic about the rate of increase of productivity in the future, and it is difficult to believe that it has not adversely affected our rate of recovery, and hence our balance of payments, in the past." Dr. Robbins speaks only from one point of view—that of the manufacturers. It is easy to see that the mood spreads quickly to the workers who have even less incentive for putting forth their best effort.

Pakistan's Propaganda

It is impossible to imagine that any responsible Minister of a foreign and entirely unconcerned would in his senses make statements as the one attributed by a correspondent of the Associated Press of Pakistan to Sir John Kotelawala, Ceylon's Minister for Transport and Works. According to that reporter, Sir John, while passing through Cairo, not only criticised India on the Kashmir question but used language which was worse than "unfriendly" which in fact, was the language, in style and argument, of Pakistan propagandists. That statement just could not have been made And it was not. Sir John Kotelawala has, as was expected completely repudiated it and added further that he never met the reporter in question at all. It is clear that Sir John Kotelawala was the victim of a lying invention by a man who had no sense of any moral or political obligation to a responsible Minister of a foreign power, which has no concern with the Kashmir dispute. But this reprehensible episode has its use. It shows the depths to which Pakistan's propaganda about Kashmir can, and does, sink.

AID TO ARAB REFUGEES

Bevin Pledges Support To U. N. Efforts

LONDON, Nov. 17. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Mr. Ernest Bevin, Foreign Secretary, promised British co-operation, as far as her resources would allow, in carrying out any United Nations agreement for aiding Arab refugees.

He was asked in the House of Commons what he proposed to do to assist the refugees.

He replied that the Government was now awaiting publication of the interim report of the United Nations Economic Survey Mission for the Middle East appointed by the Palestine Conciliation Commission to make recommendations on the refugee problems.

The United Nations Relief Organisation was now supplying food for 940,000 people, he added.

BOMBAY NORTH BADMINTON

Keen Men's Doubles Encounter

BOMBAY, Thursday.

S. S. Parulekar and C. B. Kalappa scored a well merited win over V. P. Kapadia and Mistry in a keenly fought encounter, though the scores belie the actual trend of the game in the Men's Doubles quarter-final of the Bombay North Open Badminton Championship at the Dadar Parsee Colony Gymkhana this evening. They now meet G. Shirke and M. K. Bopardikar in the semi-finals.

Parulekar and Kalappa combined splendidly with former playing in his top form. He smashed and dropped his shots with accuracy with the result that his rivals were often caught unawares and had little time for any breathing space. Though Kapadia played a fine game his colleague did otherwise, he sacrificed accuracy and correct play for style. Thought he games were evenly contested the scores are not a true indication of the opposition offered by the losers. Parulekar and Kalappa won the first game at 15—8 and carrying on with the good work they secured the second at 15—9 to win the match in two straight sets.

Miss S. Motiwala and Miss R. K. Dastoor qualified for the finals of the Ladies Doubles by disposing off a formidable pair in Miss R. Satarwala and Miss Dandige in two straight games. Miss Motiwala and Miss Dastoor though trailing behind in the first game fought back brilliantly to equalise and then claim the game. Miss Dandige played a lone hand in the struggle against overwhelming odds, her partner Miss R. Satarwala failed to take the easiest of shots which were well within her reach. In the second game due to the grand display by Miss Dandige they established a comfortable lead but they had not reckoned with their opponents who combined in an effective way and soon drew level at 7 all and contined to play in like manner to claim the match at 15—10.

E. M. Fernandes who had surprised A. R. Kavarana in the earlier rounds entered the finals of the Men's Singles by accounting for F. A. Kerawala in two straight games. Though Kerawala offered a stiff opposition in the first game he was unable to keep up with the relentless attack of his rival and lost the match at 15—10, 15—1.

The following were the results:—

MEN'S SINGLES (Semi-Finals): E. M. Fernandes beat F. A. Kerawala 15—10, 15—1.

MEN'S DOUBLES (Quarter-Finals): A. R. Kavarana and R. Soonawala beat Claude Murray and V. Fernandes 12—15, 15—7, 15—7. S. S. Parulekar and C. B. Kalappa beat V. P. Kanadia and Mistry 15—8, 15—9.

WOMEN'S DOUBLES (Semi-Finals): Miss S. Motiwala and Miss R. K. Dastoor beat Miss R. Satarwala and Miss Dandige 15—11, 15—10.

The following are the fixtures for Friday:—

6-45 p.m. Men's Doubles Semi-Finals: G. Shirke and M. K. Bopardikar v/s. S. S. Parulekar and C. B. Kalappa.

Mangalvedkar and Dongre v/s. A. R. Kavarana and R. Soonawala.

Mixed Doubles Semi-Finals:

A. R. Kavarana and Miss R. Satarwala, v/s. H. K. Talyarkhan and Miss V. Oak.

Bailey Prepared To Go To Empire Games

LONDON, Nov. 15. (PTI-Reuter): Macdonald Bailey, the Trinidad sprinter, said tonight that he would be prepared to go to New Zealand for the Empire Games at Auckland next February if his country nominated him. He would like to know that Trinidad had done this". I am quite willing to bear the expense of the passage but I want to know if I can go all quickly as possible because of my business plans" he said.

Bailey had written to the Trinidad Association some months ago about the Empire Games but then learned that Trinidad was not sending a team. Should Trinidad officially nominate Bailey he would be willing to compete.

In the Day's Sport

HOCKEY

Cooperage

3-45 p.m. St. Xavier's "B" vs. G.I.P. "B" (First Division).

4-45 p.m. Tata's vs. B.P.T. (Senior Division).

TABLE TENNIS

Vanmali Hall, Dadar

6-30 p.m. Men's Doubles followed by third round of Men's Singles.

BADMINTON

Dadar Parsi Gymkhana

6-30 p.m. Bombay North Open Tourney.

CRICKET

Oval

10-30 a.m. St. Xavier's vs. Podar Jai Hind vs. Vterinary.

Bombay Gymkhana Ground

10-30 a.m. Bhavan's vs. Elphinstone (Inter-Collegiate).

Stop Press

CALCUTTA COLLEGE CLOSES

CALCUTTA, Nov. 17. (PTI): The Scottish Church College, one of the leading educational institutions in the city was closed sine die today following a demonstration made byt he students inside the college.

STABBING AND LOOTING

CALCUTTA, Nov. 17. (PTI): Two persons were stabbed and several road-side shops looted in the Entally area today in a clash between loyal workers and strikers of the pottery works of the locality.

INTER-COLLEGE CRICKET

All-Round Performances By Raje, Lala And Irani

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Inter-Collegiate Cricket Tournament seems to be bringing out the youngsters particularly with all-round performances. G. G. Lala was responsible for Jai Hind College putting up quite a total of 190 runs against the Veterinary College when he contributed 78 runs. He followed up his performance with the blade by bagging 7 wickets of the opponents at the cost of only 6 runs. Veterinary were dismissed for a paltry 14.

The other all-round performance was witnessed at the Bombay Gymkhana ground when T. Raje of E. C. & R. I. S. scored 55 runs and then captured 5 Bhavan's College wickets at a cost of 12 runs. S. S. Anandkar and C. B. Deshmukh also passed the half century mark helping to put up a total of 288. Bhavans replied with only 40 for the loss of nine of their men.

Though B. R. Irani, the other all-rounder has not yet batted, his performances in first class cricket justify his being called so. Today he captured 4 wickets for 50 runs aided by Anwar Chowdary who took 3 wickets for 18 runs, thus dismissing Podar College for 155 runs. Podar's defence was staunch and they have certainly given a creditable performance against a strong side. St. Xavier's have scored 71 for 4 wickets. Udpikar, their wicket-keeper has scored 24 runs. All the abovementioned games will conclude tomorrow, Friday, 18th.

The following were the scores:—

JAI HIND COLLEGE VS. VETERINARY COLLEGE

JAI HIND: 190 (Deokar 27, M. M. Bhagat 47, G. Lala 78, Vinod 7 for 75).

VETERINARY COLLEGE: 14 (G. Lala 7 for 6).

PODAR COLLEGE VS. ST. XAVIER'S COLLEGE

PODAR COLLEGE: 155 (Govind 66, Mirkar 41, B. R. Irani 4 for 50, A. Chowdary 3 for 18).

E. C. AND R. I. S. VS. BHAVANS COLLEGE

E. C. and R. I. S.: 288 (Rage 55, Anandkar 69, Deshmukh 50).

BHAVANS COLLEGE: 40 (for 9 wkts.), (H. K. Shah 18, Raje 5 for 12, Dalal 3 for 9).

HARRIS SHIELD CRICKET

St. Xavier's Suffer Narrow Defeat

BOMBAY, Thursday

Securing a narrow lead of 21 runs Podar High School beat St. Xavier's High School in the second round of the Harris Shield Cricket Tournament for Seniors.

St. Xavier's batting first scored 102 runs, Wadia was top scorer with 35 to his credit. Podar started confidently and put up half the total without losing a single wicket but then they lost 5 wickets for 65 runs due to some deadly bowling by Mankad, a relation of India's test player Mankad, who finally returned an analysis of 7 for 34 runs.

On the Esplanade Maidan, Robert Money High School piled up 223 runs due to Shetkar and Ratangaokar scoring 55 and 61 respectively in a glorious partnership. Sir J. J. P. B. Institute the opponents scored 82 for 3 at the close of play. The match will be continued tomorrow, Friday.

The following were the scores:—

ROBERT MONEY H. S. VS. J. J. P. B. INSTITUTE

Robert Money H. S.: 223 (Shetkar 55, Ratangaokar 61, Billimoria 4 for 42, Mody 3 for 41).

Sir J. J. P. B. Institute: 82 for 3 (Mody batting 44).

Podar H. S. beat St. Xavier's H. S. by 21 runs.

St. Xavier's H. S. 102 (Wadia 35, Rattonsey 4 for 22, S. Edekar 3 for 22).

Podar High School: 123 (Ajinkya 39, Tellicherry 27, Mankad 7 for 34).

NORTH-SOUTH ZONAL ABANDONED

Inability Of B.C.A. To Take Financial Responsibility

BOMBAY, Nov. 17 (P.T.I.): The Zonal Cricket match between the South and the North Zones fixed for November 25 at Calcutta has been abandoned.

Announcing this, Mr. A. S. De Mellow, President of the Board of Control for Cricket in India told the Press Trust of India that the decision to abandon the match was taken following receipt of a letter from the Bengal Cricket Association regretting their inability "to take any financial responsibility" for staging the match.

The selection committee of the Cricket Control Board has been informed of this decision.

Explaining the situation which led to the abandonment of the Zonal match fixed for November 25 in Calcutta, a high official of the Cricket Association of Bengal told the Press Trust of India tonight that the selection of the Zonal teams was directly responsible for it. The C. A. B. could not be expected to undertake a heavy financial burden for a try-out of "colts", he contended.

The official said that their impression was that teams would be selected with an admixture of old and new blood as in previous years. But they were surprised when so many young players with no gate appeal were selected to fill relatively so few vacancies in the test team, he said, this, he added, had increased their financial liability which they were unable to accept.

A SCRAMBLE FOR THE BALL

A scramble for the ball between the 'Times' forwards and the Goan deep defenders while Walter D'Souza, the goal-keeper of the Goans anxiously awaits the outcome. The match ended in a goalless draw.

GOANS AND TIMES SHARE POINTS IN SENIOR HOCKEY LEAGUE

Collegians Suffer Their Third Reverse

BOMBAY, Thursday

Two senior divisions games were played at the Cooperage this evening. St Xaviers College continued to suffer their reverses and suffered their third this evening at the hands of Dockyard. Dockyard won by four goals to nil. Later in the evening Goan Sports and Times of India Sports Club shared points in a goalless encounter. The Goans should have scored on at least three occasions.

It was rather a sad story for St. Xaviers who looked depressed in the opening half when they found that even the Umpire made things difficult for them and this evening V. D'Sa, the Umpire allowed at a very critical moment when the Collegians were fighting back a goal which was scored in the last minute of the first half when Caesar Gomes, Dockyard's right extreme breasted the ball with his chest into goal from a rebound of the goalies pads. Besides this the ball was undercut by K. Le Febour when taking the penalty corner. This could certainly not be the supervision for a senior division game.

Dockyard exerted superiority and opened their account in the fourth minute through Ivor Abraham their right-inner when he received a pass from the right extreme Caesar Gomes and banged it in. In the tenth minute Dockyard scored their second when Caesar Gomes sent in a well directed shot to the corner of the post from a very acute angle. The goalkeeper, Anthony Lobo of the College was deceived as he expected the ball in the centre and left the corner open.

But from now on St. Xavier's fought every inch and it was only due to splendid goalkeeping by Borthwick that goals did not result. One minute before the end Caesar Gomes breasted the ball into goal to give Dockyard their third. This rebound came as a result of an undercut by K. Le Febour of a penalty corner.

The final goal was registered by K. Le Febour in the 13th minute of the second session when he drew the goalie out but the goalie saved half heartedly and Le Febour collected himself early to push the ball to the boards giving Dockyard their fourth goal.

The teams: DOCKYARD "A":— Borthwick; C. Le Febour, Bennett; M. D'Souza, P. D'Souza, G. Pereira, C. Gomes, I. Abraham, R. Whyte, K. Le Febour, T. D'Souza.

ST. XAVIER'S 'A':— A. Lobo; O. Ferreira, G. D'Souza; G. Carvalho, H. Dias, Chris Pereira; L. Lobo, G. Williams, D. Vaz, J. Fonseca, L. D'Costa.

Umpires:— Ambrose and V. D'Sa.

GOANS DRAW WITH TIMES

In an encounter which was quite fast and well knitted both sides were fighting hard and against the run of play Goan Sports earned a penalty corner which, was taken by Joaquim D'Souza and D'Cruz the Times goalie saved but the ball deflected into goal where Verhoven saved with his leg. Umpire Desai awarded a penalty bully which, however, proved otherwise.

In the second session the Goan side had at least three good scoring chances but they failed to convert them and were forced to share points with Times.

The Teams:— TIMES OF INDIA: D'Cruz, Verhoven, P. Fernandes; Rebello, H. D'Souza, Rodricks; Braganza, J. Vaz, Durrant, Samuels and Elly.

GOANS:— W. D'Souza, Joaquim, Gabriel; S. D'Souza, C. Fernandes, R. Fortis; F. Almeida, B. Fernandes, E. Correa, J. D'Souza, C. D'Souza.

UMPIRES:— C. Pearce and Desai.

TABLE TENNIS AT DADAR

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Most of the matches played in the second round of the Men's Singles of the Pathare Kshatriya Open Table Tennis Championships resulted in victories for the winners in straight games.

MEN'S SINGLES

SECOND ROUND: J. S. Gharat beat K. B. Shelankar 21-14 21-16; G. N. Akshekar beat B. J. Mahant 22-20 21-15; K. S. Khot beat B. R. Mantri 21-19 21-15; M. R. Kulkarni beat K. G. Mhatre 21-14 21-16; N. J. Nensey beat P. S. Gopalkrishnan 19-21 21-18 21-13; U. S. Bangera beat D. N. Bhatkal 21-14 22-20; N. L. Lulla beat N. G. Gusdar 21-5 21-14; J. Ezekiel beat S. G. Damle 21-16 21-19; N. L. Bajaj beat V. D. Parelkar 21-19 21-18; H. L. Date w.o. J. V. Parelkar; R. H. Desai w.o. N. N. Jukar; D. D. Walawalkar beat R. H. Desai 21-12 21-15; P. R. Pansare beat P. R. Thakur 21-17 21-8; B. R. Mantri beat V. H. Parelkar 21-13 21-16.

REVISED DATE FOR TENNIS FIXTURES

All-India Lawn Tennis Assn. Announcement

BOMBAY, Nov. 17 (P.T.I): Several changes have been made in the dates of tennis fixtures for the season 1949-50 announced earlier in the week. The all India Lawn Tennis Association has now issued the following revised programme of tennis fixtures for the coming season:

Rajputana Lawn Tennis Championships to be played at Ajmere from 14 November to 20 November.

Delhi Lawn Tennis Championships at Delhi from 21 November to 27 November.

R.A.F.I.-A.M.-Club Championships at Lucknow from 28 November to 4 December.

Parsee Gymkhana Open Tennis Tournament at Bombay from 3 December to 18 December.

Bihar Lawn Tennis Championships at Patna from 5 December to 11 December.

Bengal Lawn Tennis Championships at Calcutta from 11 December to 18 December.

P. Y. C., Hindu Gymkhana Open Tennis Tournament at Poona from 18 December to 23 December.

International Lawn Tennis Championship of Asia at Calcutta from 22 December to 1 January, 1950.

Poona Club Open Tennis Tournament at Poona from 1 January to 10 January.

National Championships of India at Allahabad from 2 January to 8 January.

Rajkot Gymkhana Open Tennis Tournament at Rajkot from 7 January to 15 January.

All India Hard Court Championships at Madras from 9 January to 15 January.

Western India Lawn Tennis Championships at Bombay and South West Championships at Trivandrum from 16 January to 22 January.

Central India Lawn Tennis Championships at Allahabad and Holkar and Central India Championships at Indore from 23 January to 29 January.

P. V. M. Gymkhana Open Tennis Tournament at Bombay from 23 January to 29 January.

United Provinces Lawn Tennis Championships at Lucknow from 30 January to 5 February.

Bombay Presidency Hard Court Championships at Bombay from 6 February to 12 February.

Cricket Club of India Championships at Bombay 13 February to 19 February.

Hyderabad Lawn Tennis Championships at Hyderabad from 20 February to 26 February.

Madras Presidency Lawn Tennis Championships at Madras from 27 February to 4 March.

Mysore Lawn Tennis Championships at Bangalore from 6 March to 12 March.

TOURISTS FIRST MATCH IN PAKISTAN

Peshawar Governor's XI Selected

PESHAWAR, Nov. 17, (PTI-Reuter): The Governor's XI for a two-day cricket match against the Commonwealth Team commencing here tomorrow at Peshawar Club grounds will be selected from the following:—

Mohammad Saeed (Captain) Fazal Mahmood (Vice-Captain), Murrawat Hussain, J. K. Irani, Mohammad Aslam, U. R. Chippa, Sajjad Ahmad, Altaf Ahmad, Fazal-I-Rahim, Mohammad Jaseem, Aftab Ahmad, Fazal-I-Karim.

The Commonwealth Team has not yet been announced.

Track Trials

Independence In Fine Fettle

(By Our Track Reporter)

The following are the track-trials noted at Mahaluxmi:

OUTER TAN

REPARTEE (Medhe) spared a length from DRAGON SEED (RB) when covering six furlongs in 1 min. 21-1/2 secs.

LA JAWAB (Antoo) comfortably held MUSAFIR (Kheem) when sent over six. Timing 1 min. 22-1/2 secs.

DESERT KNIGHT (Shaikh) moved strongly at the end and easily accounted for CARPALA (Hayyat) and DOMINATE (Sethna) when clocking 1 min. 52-1/2 secs. for a mile. The first named may upset on Saturday.

SNEHPRABHA (Kasbekar) impressively covered six furlongs in 1 min. 20-1/2 secs. She is an early winner.

LIBERTY BELLE (Kheem) was in front of NEW MOON (Chavan) when exercised over six furlongs. Latter was in hand and clocked at 1 min. 20 secs.

COURAGE (Antoo) NIRVANA (Kheem) and HAPPY GO LUCKY (Dar) moved over five furlongs at a fair pace. The trip was made in 1 min. 10 secs.

QUEEN OF GWALIOR (Kasbekar) was well in hand when covering the last five furlongs in 1 min. 8 secs.

INDEPENDENCE (Shaikh) was too good when beating KING RICHARD (RB) over a six furlongs gallop. Independence who is in fine fettle at the moment returned 1 min. 21 secs.

FLYING DRAGON (Shivanna) did a speedy three furlongs display in 37 secs. One for the notebook.

ILLICIT (Shiba) negotiated five furlongs in 1 min. 7 secs.

BLUE LOTUS (Aragade) covered six furlongs in 1 min. 22 secs.

RUKHSANA (Medhe) shaped very well in a mile gallop. She recorded 1 min. 51 secs.

VALIANT PRINCE (RB) covered eight furlongs in 1 min. 53 secs.

INNER GRASS

PHONE AGAIN (Mahomedali) covered six furlongs in 1 min. 20-1/2 secs

FIND OUT (Guman) recorded 1 min. 6 secs when sent over five furlongs.

MA CHERIE (Bhoor) narrowly held APKA SEWAME (Aurohinda) when covering five furlongs in 1 min. 6 secs.

VERGE (Bhoor) was ahead of BELLE SYME (Cunningham) and WEDDING DAY (Medhe) when sent over five furlongs from 8 to 5. Timing 1 min. 6-1/5 secs.

Today's Spurts On Tan

PRAMILA (RB) moved freely over four furlongs frob 9 to 5 and returned 52½ secs.

SHAH NAWAZ (Kasbekar) made three furlongs in 38 secs.

INDEPENDENCE (Shaikh) had the measure of FIRMAMENT (Whiteside) when putting a noteworthy three furlongs spurt in 36 secs.

GANGA SING (RB) and LIZALEE (Uttam) moved over four furlongs from 8 to 4 in 54½ secs

AMARNATH (Kasbekar) showed out from PYARE SAHIB (Dinkar) when worked over three. They clocked 38 secs.

RAMAL (Jagdish) shaped better than PANKAJ (Devancy) when moving over four furlongs from 8 to 4 in 53½ secs.

SNEHPRABHA (Dinkar) held QUEEN OF GWALIOR (Kasbekar) when travelling over three furlongs in 37 secs. A fit pair.

CHERRY BLOSSOM Whiteside) was placed in front of V-DAY (Purtu) and KANTAKA (Mulla) when covering three furlongs in 37½ secs.

JUST WAIT (Kadam) convincingly disposed of BENTEX (Guman) when working over three in 38 secs.

LIRA MALT (Khadi) moved at 2/4 pace when covering three furlongs from 8 to 5 in 40½ secs.

PARAMOUNT POWER (Khade) was not extended when covering half mile in 55 secs.

LERINS (Duffy) FELION (Uttam) and a companion (RB) were placed in the order mentioned when covering three furlongs in 38½ secs.

MAH-I-NAU (Whiteside) moved hard held when covering three furlongs in 38½ secs.

STAR OF IRAN (Dar) accounted fur AMAR HIND (RB). when negotiating three furlongs in 39 secs.

ACCEPTANCES

The following are the Acceptances for Saturday's races:—

THE JUVENILE PLATE —5 Furlongs.

Perseus 8-7, Glory of India 8-7, Black Magic 8-7, Pop 8-7, Bessemer 8-7, Steno 8-7, Aswas 8-7, Paper Money 8-7, Aapke Sevame 8-7, Wedding Day 8-7, Chandroos 8-7, Happy King 8-7, Arrak 8-7.

THE CURSETJEE DHUNJISHAW PLATE (Div. II)—1 Mile.

Won Thousand 9-0, Dry Day 9-0, Parker Prince 9-0, Dominate 9-0, Chandrajeet 9-0, Amarnath 9-0, Lake Success 9-0, Mack 9-0, Star of Iran 9-0, Florida 8-11, Queen of Hearts 8-11 V. Day 8-11, Kantaka 8-11, Aafri 8-11.

THE LUCKNOW PLATE (Div. I)—1 Mile.

La Jawab 9-3, Viveca 9-1, Mah-I-Nau 8-9, D. Day 8-9, Gang Bhup 8-8, Rukhsana 8-6, Valiant Prince 8-6, Shah Nawaz 8-5, Chhatrapati 8-3, Wet Bob 8-2, Triple Alliance 8-1, Nizamuddin 7-13, Phone Again 7-12.

THE LUCKNOW PLATE (Div. II)—1 Mile.

Musafir 9-2, Blue Lotus 9-1, Saitra 8-13, Mardan 8-11, Lady Cleopatra 8-9, Battling Admiral 8-4, Hikmet 8-4, Just Wait 8-4, Ganga Singh 8-0

THE CURSETJEE DHUNJISHAW PLATE (Div. I)—1 Mile.

Desert Knight 9-0, Lerins 9-0, Par Excellence 9-0, Lira Malt 9-0, Rajaji 9-0, Treasure Toy 9-0, Pick Pocket 9-0 Reshone 9-0, Pyare Saheb 9-0, Chrissie Darling 8-11, Cherry Blossom 8-11.

THE AGA SHAMSHUDDIN PLATE —6 Furlongs.

Velino 9-4, New Moon 9-1, Raghu 9-1, Liberty Belle 9-0, Pixie Party 8-12, My Pet 8-12, Snehprabha 8-8, Pankaj 8-3, Khumdil 8-3, Gipsy Moon 8-2, Flying Dragon 8-0, Illicit 7-5.

THE UJJAIN PLATE—6 Furlongs.

Kennereth 9-2, Courage 8-13, Repartee 8-9, Yearling 8-8, Baas Bahadur 8-8, Manisha 8-7, Independence 8-3, Queen of Gwalior 8-1, Find Out 8-1, Paramount Power 7-11.

THE DELHI PATE—1 Mile.

King's Cup 9-4, Tantalum 9-1, Ijjat 9-1, Navroze 8-13, Battle Song 8-13, Sunlight 8-12, Abdel 8-11, Belle Amie 8-8, Portol 8-8, Torrent 8-8, Gipsy Bill 8-6, Ginger Lady 8-6, Lisalee 8-4, Progress 8-4, Lalaji 8-3, Crepe de Chine 7-10, Army and Navy 7-7.

Betting Slumps To Low Level In New York Racing

NEW YORK, Nov. 16 (PTI-Reuter).—The 196 days New York racing season has ended and totalisator receipts showed ten per cent less than they were last year.

In 1948, for the same number of racing days, the total invested on the machines was 333,046,167 dollars while this year's receipts were 303,032,968 dollars.

The decrease occurred despite efforts to make betting more attractive. There were eight races daily instead of seven, as in last year, and the daily double was restored to provide 196 additional betting pools.

This year's average investment was the lowest since 1943, and was little more than half that for the peak of 1945.

Attendance figures showed that the decrease was due to money tightness rather than smaller crowds, as the 4,150,000 who attended this year was only 250,000 less than last year's total.

Narpat Singh Withdraws From Surrey Tourney

LONDON, Nov. 16 (PTI-Reuter).—Raj Kumar Narpat Singh, amateur squash champion of Western India, was scratched from the Surrey Championship meeting for which he had entered, owing to a very heavy cold.

He had drawn a bye and was not due to play his first match until today when, owing to his cold, he withdrew from the tournament.

EGYPTIAN STATESMAN SUPPORTS NEHRU

Religious Groupings Useless, He Says

CAIRO, Nov. 17, (PTI-Reuter): Ismail Sidky Pasha, an "elder statesman" of Egypt in a letter to the Arab newspaper Al Misri has supported Pandit Nehru's views that" small regional groupings cannot effectively contribute towards real security."

It may be recalled that Pandit Nehru on his way home from American tour commenting here on the proposed plans for "Islamistan" had said" I do not appreciate grouping based on religion....Politics based on religion can be of no help at all and spell no peaceful time."

Ismail Sidky Pasha said in his letter that he fully concurred with the views of the "great Indian statesman.

STARVATION DUE TO EXCHANGE BAN

MUNSHIGANJ, Nov. 17, (UPI): The absence of any agreement between India and Pakistan on the rupee exchange and the continued suspension of money order remittances have created a serious situation for those who have inter-Dominion transactions for their maintenance. Stark starvation stares many on the face.

This is at present one of the factors which is encouraging some people to leave this Dominion for the other where their bread-earners are.

Truman Praises Persia

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17 (P T I-Reuter): President Truman said here last night that the United States and Persia have been dealing "with a great power that does not believe in keeping its pledges".

The President was speaking at a dinner in honour of the Shah of Persia, who arrived yesterday for a month's state visit.

Mr. Truman said that if Persia had not opened her door during the war and given the United States the opportunity to assist the Russians at the proper time the whole burden of the Second World War would have eventually fallen on the United States.

News BRIEFS

RECONSTITUTION

Due to the merger of State territories the boundaries of the Dharwar District have altered. The Government of Bombay has, therefore, decided to reconstitute the Dharwar District Local Board on December 1, 1949. The new Board will have 48 members on it and they will hold office for one year. Early steps are being taken to revise the Constitution of the Board, so that fresh elections can be held before the expiry of that period.

INDUSTRIAL DISPUTE

The industrial disputes between fifty five brick factories of Ahmedabad and the workmen employed under them have been referred by the Government of Bombay for adjudication to the Industrial Tribunal of Mr. P. D Vyas.

HONOURING MUSICIAN

At a meeting of persons interested in music a decision was taken to celebrate the diamond jubilee of the well-known musician Faiaz Khan, in Ahmedabad. They also decided to convene an All-India musical conference and appointed a committee of influential persons for that purpose

PROTEST

The Ahmedabad Hindu-Muslim Hotel Owners' Association, as a protest against the increased fees for radio licences, has decided not to renew licences after the expiry of the present period.

U. S. VISITORS

A total of 1,101 Americans visited India by direct air and sea routes last year, travel figures released by the Immigration and Naturalization Service of the U. S Department of Justice show, according to a USIS report from Washington

ILO BODY

The meeting of the Governing Body of the U N. International Labor Office (ILO) at Mysore from December 29 to January 7, will consider important questions regarding a proposed "Fact-Finding and Conciliation Commission on Freedom of Association", according to a USIS report from Washington.

REFERENDUM MUST BE FREE & FAIR

A Warning To French Indian Authorities

KARAIKAL, Nov. 17. (PTI): Dr. N. V. Rajkumar, Foreign Secretary, All India Congress Committee, declared here that if a free and fair referendum was not held in the French Indian settlements, the Government of India would have nothing to do with it.

Addressing a crowded public meeting at the local Congress House last night, Dr. Rajkumar said that they "had committed a great mistake" in agreeing to a referendum, but once they accepted it, as honourable men they had to abide by it. He assured them that the Government of India were not sleeping over the matter.

'ABOLISH RATIONING'

G.P.C.C. Body's Suggestion

(From Our Correspondent)

AHMEDABAD, Nov 17.

The Special Committee appointed by the Gujarat Provincial Congress Committee to adopt measures for the gradual decontrol has recommended, at its special meeting yesterday that rationing should be abolished from all towns and villages having a population upto one lakh and 50,000. It has also asked the Government to go in the direction of gradual decontrol.

Britons Asked To Quit Czechoslovakia

PRAGUE, Nov. 17 (UPI): Many Britons and Commonwealth nationals living in Czechoslovakia have been ordered by the police to leave the country within 14 days.

The British Consul at Prague has asked the Czech Foreign Ministry for an explanation. Many of those to be expelled have lived in Czechoslovakia for a long time.

Jewellery Shop Looted

RANCHI, Nov. 17, (UPI): Cash and jewellery worth Rs. 30,000 were looted last night at the point of revolvers from a jewellery shop here. The miscreants entered the shop shortly after dusk. They were armed with rifles and revolvers and terrorised the people present there and decamped with the booty.

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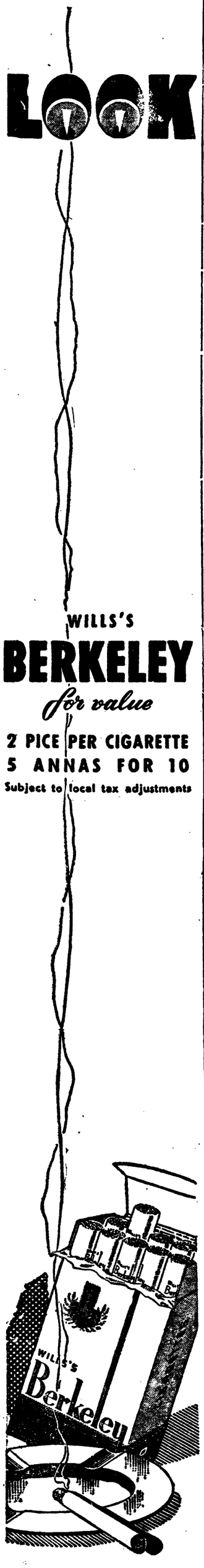
COMPLAINT BOOKS

ATTENTION of the Cardholders is drawn to the fact that "Complaint Books", have been maintained in all the ration shops, including Government Grain Shops, Consummal Stores, Co-operative Stores, Mills and Factory Shops and Large Organisations to note complaints if any, by the registered cardholders of the shop only.

All the cardholders are, therefore, requested to ask for these books from their ration shops in case any irregularity or complaint is to be noted. After briefly stating the facts the cardholders must sign their names fully and legibly and mention their full addresses in order to facilitate subsequent enquiries by the authorities.

The ration shopkeepers have already been asked to display "Complaint Books" prominently in their shops.



Further Improvement In Tata Steel Shares

INDIAN IRONS AND BENGAL STEELS FIRM WITH ACTIVE BUYING

BOMBAY, Nov. 17.

The Bombay Stock Exchange was fairly steady today with moderate buying in Tata Steel shares while cotton mill shares were quiet under scattered selling.

At the opening the market was steady with quotations showing small gains but under absence of buying prices receded few points under scattered liquidation but at the decline there was renewed buying support in Tata Steel shares which moved up.

Tata Steel Defds. opened at Rs. 1,370 and declined at Rs. 1,360 but advanced at Rs. 1,375 on moderate buying. Ordinary shares opened at Rs. 285 and improved at Rs. 286. Both Indian Irons and Bengal Steels were also in good demand.

Bombay Dyeings opened at Rs. 1,025 and quietened at Rs. 1,020 Kohinoors opened at Rs. 274 and declined at Rs. 272, Svadeshi Mill shares were done at Rs. 257 while Scindias were done at Rs. 13-1.

Central India share were done at Rs. 217-8 and Gokaks were placed at Rs 252. Simplex shares changed hands at Rs. 177. Indian Irons were done at Rs. 28-5 and Bengal Steels were quoted at Rs. 19-15.

Associated Cements came in business at Rs. 141-4 while Belapurs were quoted at Rs. 200. Bombay Burmas were placed at Rs. 331-4

Towards the close there was further buying in Tata Steel Defds which advanced at Rs 1382-8 and steadied at Rs. 1,377-8. Bombay Dyeings were done at Rs. 1,021-4 Indian Irons and Bengal Steels were firm at Rs. 28-5 and Rs. 20-4 respectively.

FORWARD SECTION

MILL SHARES	
Bombay Dyeing (10-8)	1023 8
Kohinoor Mills (4-2)	271 8
Swadeshi Mills (12-4)	257 8
Central India Mills (4)	218 0
Simplex Mills (6-8)	177 0
New Great Eastern (8)	138 0
Indore (8-13)	120 0
Gokak Mills (12)	251 8
Century Spinning (15)	224 12
Indian Bleaching (6)	138 0
Swan Mills (20)	305 0
Finlay Mills (15)	254 0
Morarji Goculdas (S)	450 0
Edward Sasoon (30)	220 0
Meyer (12)	110 0
Apollo Mills (As. 4)	2 11 8
Idnia United Ord. (0-13-0)	11 1
India United Defd. (0-2-6)	1 12
Madhusudan Mills (15)	170 0
Podar (S)	132 8
Khatau Makanji (5)	171 0
Svadeshi Coupon	62 0
STEEL SHARES	
Tata Steel Ord. (14)	286 0
Tata Steel Defd. (64-13)	1375 0
Tata Stel 2nd Pref. (7-8)	135 0
CEMENT INDUSTRIES	
Associated Cement (6)	141 0
Burma (12-8)	334 6
Belapur Sugar (9)	200 0
Shivrajpur Syndicate (1-8)	31 8
Scindia Steam (0-8)	13 1
Paemier Construction	87 0
Tata Chemical	11 8
Tata Oil (2)	49 0
Indian Iron (0-12)	28 4
Bengal Steel (0-12)	20 4
British India Corp. (0-9)	8 7 6
Indian Copper	2 6
Wimco	192 8
Alcock	248 12
ELECTRIC SHARES	
Tata Power (25) XD	1470 0
Andhra Valley (30) XD	1400 0
Tata Hydro (3) XD	152 0

CASH SECTION

COTTON MILLS	
Elphinstone Mills (5)	54 0
Phoenix (50)	136 4
Indian Mfg.	2910 0
Kuria XD	117 8
Colaba (12)	115 0
New City (1)	159 6
Minerva (12)	137 8
Bradbury	450 0
Broaruchs Defd (0-4)	4 5
Bharat Mills (3)	26 8
Mysore (4)	164 6
Madhavji Dharamsi (0-12)	14 3
Model Mills (12-8)	172 8
Lakshmi Cotton (25)	687 8
Vishnu Cotton	215 0
Western India (40)	2925 0
Standard (15)	223 12
Sholapur Mills (200)	2860 0
Sassoon Cotton Mills (0-8)	16 0
Hindustan Mills (40)	4000 0
Tata Mills (2-5)	47 8
Ahmedabad Advance	246 4
New Anmedabad	195 0
Sassoon Silk (3) XD	31 0
New Union Mills (0-8)	15 14
Madhusudan S (2-8)	35 0
Shrinivas Mills (S)	162 8
Raja Bahadur (4)	62 0
Berar Mills	250 0
Victoria Mills	225 0
ELECTRIC (CASH)	
Ahmedabad Electric (1-9)	123 12
Ahmedabad New	72—8
Surat Electric (2-8)	126 4
Karachi Electric (2)	136 14
Broach (0-5)	6 12
Ajmer Electricity (0-8)	10 6
Amalgamated (0-12)	12 8
Nagpur Electricity (1-12)	26 8
Poona Electricity Supply (S)	135 0
Bombay Suburban XR	141 4
Bombay Suburban New	85 0
BANK SHARES	
Imperial Bank of India (35) XD	1735 0
Imperial Bank PP (8-12)	435 0
Central Bank (1-8)	79 4
Central Bank New (18)	80 0
Bank of India (4) XD	170 8
Union (0.3)	1 4
Baroda	116 8
Devkaran Nanjee Bank (1-8)	40 0
United Commercial (8)	44 8
Jaipur Bank (1-5)	35 8
Hindustan Commercial	17 0
Mysore Bank (8)	265 0
Eastern Bank (0-14-6)	94 0
INSURANCE SHARES	
Oriental (125)	4200 0
Empire (10)	541 4
New India (1-8)	56 0
Jupiter (0-12)	12 5
Vulcan (0-10)	11 13
Indian Mercantile (2)	38 8
Universal (0-4)	11 4
B.I.G. (1)	14 6
Industrial and Prudential	26 8
Neptune	7 0
New Great	25 0
All India General	11 14
RAILWAY SHARES	
C.P (1-14) XD	113 0
MISCELLANEOUS SHARES	
Steamer (10)	222 8
Bombay Burma New (5)	120 0
Burma Petrol	1 6 6
Mackenzie (6)	65 0
Port Canning (3)	64 0
Kemp and Co (30)	376 4
Zandu Pharmacy (7)	125 0
Industrial Invest Trust (3-12)	84 8
Dharamsey Chemical (2)	39 0
Mukund Iron	13 0
Dena Trust (0-12)	16 0
Alembic (15)	150 0
Supreme India X.R.	71 0
Jam Wire (6)	67 8
Bombay Uganda	67 8
Bombay Motor Cycle	28 0
Indian Cement (1937)	171 4
Waichand Nagar Industries (B.S.)	130 0
United Motor	28 0
Associated Cement New (2)	136 4
Bombay Sale Deposit (27)	880 0
Hydary Construction	19 10
Mahmadi Steam	96 0
Sardar Carbonic X.D.	700 0
Harvey Press	310 0
Gujarat Motor	28 0
Estrella Batteries	32 2
Manmad Press	120 0
National Rayon	56 0
PREFERENCE SHARES	
Tata Steel 1st (6)	192 8
Andhra Valley (7)	1235 0
Tata Power (7-8)	1302 8
Hydro Electric (7)	127 8
Bombay Steamer (6)	237 8
Central India (5)	650
Swadeshi Mills	127 8
Vishnu Mills (7)	645 0
Lakshmi Mills	260 0
New Great Mills (5-8)	220 0
Podar Mills (4)	105 0
Shrinivas Mills	98 0
Elphinstone Mills (7)	106 4
Bradbury Mills (7-8)	316 4
Surat Electricity (3-4)	130 0
Pre. Construction First	102 8
Pre. Construction 2nd Pref.	97 8
Amalgamated	115 0
Habib	72 9
Tata Chemical	117 8
Waichandnagar	130 0
Jupiter	19 14
Supreme	100 0
Meyer	110 0
Mackenzie (1st)	85 0
Mackenzie (2)	80 0
Ahmedabad Advance	132 8
Mysore Mill	50 0
Standard	99 0
Madhusudan	12 0
Khatau	100 12
Morarji	94 8
National Rayon	74 8
DEBENTURES	
Andhra 1952	103 8
Gula Kajamsingh	8 9
Rubber Planting	17 0
Bombay Steamer	97 0
Indian Hume Pipe	101 6
Tata Power 1951	103 0
Walchandnagar	106 2
OUTSIDE SHARES	
Burma Corporation	2 9
New Victoria	2 0
New Victoria 2 (Pref.)	4 4
Palton (8)	109 0
Gold Mohor	310 0
New Kaiser Hind	305 0
Sajjan Mills (20)	155 0
Osmanshahi (16)	240 0
Azamshahi	270 0
Air Services	4 8
Air India Tata	58 0
Hind Motor	4 12
India Steam	7 8

GOLD AND SILVER

BOMBAY, Nov. 17.

After yesterday's inaction the local bullion market was fairly firm today with increased activity in Silver.

A section of the market believes that from December onwards, the daily tenders will be reduced to 100 bars and with diminishing supplies higher prices are expected. This belief is gaining ground among Marwari operators who were reported to be active buyers.

The Reserve Bank of India sold today 200 bars Silver at Rs. 165-14.

At the opening Magsar delivery Silver opened at Rs. 166-8 and hardened at Rs. Rs. 167-4 on persistent buying and short covering. Ready Silver was quoted at a discount of annas eight at Rs. 166-12.

Magsar delivery Gold opened at Rs. 113-12 and declined at Rs. 113-10 under scattered selling. But with improvement in Silver, Gold also advanced at Rs. 113-15. Ready Gold was quoted at Rs. 115 and Sovereigns were placed at Rs. 76-8.

There was heavy speculative buying and Silver advanced at Rs. 169/8 and closed as under:—

	Rs.	as.	p.
Ready Silver	168	12	0
Magsar delivery	169	4	0
Ready Gold	115	4	0
Magsar delivery	114	7	0

PRODUCE MARKET

BOMBAY, Nov. 17.

The local produce market was steady today with speculative support. It is feared that Bulls are out to bid up prices as they have a fairly large speculative long interest in Nizam State markets. The Board of the Seeds Traders Association will meet this afternoon to consider the Government design to form new association. In this design the Seeds Traders Association gets recognition and its members are not required to pay deposits in the new association.

Quotations were as under,—

GROUNDNUTS—			
Quality Receipts	36	8	0
November Delivery	36	2	0
December Delivery	35	14	0
Bold Ready	35	4	0
Bold December	34	14	0
Bold January	34	14	0
Oil Bombay Mills	21	4	0
Oil Upcountry Mills	20	14	0
Oil December	19	13	0
Oil January	19	10	0
LINSEED—			
Indore	34	6	0
Bold	34	4	0
Small	33	2	0
Oil	20	6	0
CASTORSEED—			
Spot	23	12	0
January Delivery	23	10	0

INDIAN COTTON PARITY

Indian Cotton May Contract is 1323 cent points below New York May delivery.

India Interested In American Cotton

WALL STREET FIRM WITH INCREASED ACTIVITY

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.

COTTON: After initial slight selling movement reflecting increased hedging in connection with continued heavy spot sales in the southern markets, prices rallied on persistent mill demand and short covering with the latter partly influenced by the recovery of securities. The recent increase in hedges is believed to be mostly against lowgrade cotton, as better qualities have met immediate mill and export demand

Latterly the market fluctuated narrowly with southern offering and nearmonth liquidation supplying mill demands and shortcovering. An active demand for spots and the firmness of cotton textiles were the main supporting influences.

From Washington comes word that India is reported to be interested in aranging a barter deal whereby strategic commodities would be exchanged for badly needed cotton. The session closed steady with sales approximately at 130,000 bales.

NEW YORK COTTON

New York, Nov 16.

December	29.82—01
March	29.79—01
May	29.73—02
July	29.40—02
October	27.98+03
Middling Spot	30.42

NEW ORLEANS COTTON

December	29.77—01
March	29.75—02
May	29.69—01
July	29.34
Middling Spot	29.35

New York Cotton Dec. Highest 29.86 at 11-24 hours, Lowest 29.80 at 10-00 hours.

WALL STREET MARKET

STOCKS: Emerging from the period of profittaking which had depressed the industrials average by about five points the market this morning recovered modestly in fair activity. The threatened shipping strike is postponed for one month on Govt. intervention and the belief is growing that Government is prepared to act to prevent softcoal miners leaving pits when the current truce expires at the end of the month.

Anaconda copper were fractionally higher on news that production is being resumed immediately at the Belmont mine reflecting the strong statistical position of copper. Occasional increases in profittaking were well absorbed in most instances and prices held at or around the day-s best.

Crucible steel sank to a new 1949 low of 14-5/8 on the ommission of usual 125 cent quarterly dividend on five percent preferred owing to business uncertainty and the necessity of onserving cash. United aircraft were occasional buying favourite on third quarter earnings equal to 99 cents a share against 57 cents in the same 1948 period. The session closed firm.

CHICAGO GRAINS

CHICAGO, Nov. 16.

GRAINS were irregular with additional selling of wheat influenced by the continued easiness of the cash market and slow domestic flour demand. Maize were occasionally resistant reflecting export sales of 200.000 bushels to Norway and the 30-day postponement of the shipping strike. The trade expects the maize export programme to get underway from eastcoast ports in the immediate future involving large quantities to Germany and France.

CHICAGO WHEAT

Chicago Nov. 16.

December	2.09-3/8
March	2.12
May	2.09-7/8
July	1.91-7/8

N. Y. SILVER SALES

Consumers readily absorbed offerings of about 225.000 ounces and were seeking additional quantities. The price remained unchanged.

LONDON BULLION

London, Nov. 16.

London Silver Spot and Forward 64. Gold Bars Fine per ounce £12-8-0.

Record Of Actual Transactions In Shares

BOMBAY, Nov. 17.

MILLS

Apollo 2-12 2-11 2-11-6
Bharat 28-8
B. Dyeing 1022-8 17-8 21-4 20 22-8
Bradbury Ord. 425 50
C. India 218-8 17 19 18
C. Pref. 650
Colaba 115
E. Textiles 220
Finlay 254
Gokak 251-8 52 50 51-8
I. U. Defd. 1-11 1-12
I. U. Ord. 11 10-15 11-1 11 11-1
Indore 118-12 20
Kohinoor 274 70-8 72-8 71-8
Laxmi 687-8
Meyer 110
Model 172-8
Morarji 450
New Great 138
Sassoon Silk 32-8 32
Simplex 178 77
Svadeshi 259 56 58-8 57-8
Swan 306
Tata Mills 48-8
Vishnu 215
Scindia 13-4 12-15 13-3 13-1
Baroda 116-8
Central 79-4 79 79-4
Central New 80
Imperial Old 1735
Imperial New 435
India 170 70-8
Union 7-4
U. Commercial 45 44 44-8
Ahmedabad 124-6 23-2 23-12
Suburban 141-14 41-4
Hydro 152
New India 56
B. Steel 10-10 19-7 20 19-13 20-9 20-4
I. Iron 28-3 28-4 28-2-6 28-8 28-4
Tata Defd 1372-8 76-4 61-4 85 75
„ Ord 285 83-8 86-8 86
„ IInd Pref 135 35-8
Alcock 243-12 48-12
ACC Old 142-8 41
Belapur 198 97 201 200
BB Old 331-4 35 31-4 35 34-6
„ New 118-12 20
„ Petrol 1-6-6
BIC 8-6-6 8-7-6
I. Copper 2-6
Kemp 377-8 76-4
Dharamsey 39
P. Const. 88-8 86-8 87-8 87
„ Ist Pref 103
Shivrajpur 31-8
Tata Chem 11-4 11-8
„ Oil 48-8 49
Wimco 193-12 91-4 92-8

SPECIAL

Khatau Pref 100
Svadeshi Coupon 63 62
Supreme Industries 72-8

IMPERIAL BANK OF INDIA

The following is the Statement of the Affairs of the Imperial Bank of India on the 11th November:—

LIABILITIES	Rs.
Capital	5,62,50,000
Reserve Fund	6,30,00,000
Fixed Deposit, Savings Bank, Current and other Accounts	266,03,17,000
Sundries	1,89,16,000
Total	279,84,83,000
ASSETS	**Rs.**
INVESTMENTS:—	
Government Securities	118,42,89,000
Other Authorised Investments	11,77,28,000
ADVANCES:—	
Loans	18,76,58,000
Cash Credits and Overdrafts	62,03,44,000
Bills Discounted and Purchased	5,21,55,000
Dead Stock	1,60,27,000
Sundries	2,13,67,000
CASH:—	
In hand and with the Reserve Bank of India	44,67,50,000
Balances with other Banks	15,21,65,000
Total	279,84,83,000

In the absence of fixed exchange rates between India and Pakistan for Pakistan rupees, figures in respect of Bank's Pakistan branches have been entered at par in the above statement.

HAPUR MARKET

HAPUR, Nov. 17.

Silver Opened 166/13, Later 167/2. Gold Opened 113|4, steady Bardana Ready Red 114, White 218, Mangsir 114 Chet 117, March 127/8, Steady Gur Ready 18/8 to 20, Shakkar 21. Crystal Controlled 33|2, Free 80, Khandsari 50 to 60, Arrivals 5,000 mds., Fagun Opened 14-1-9. Later 14|2, Quietly steady Sarson 32, Taraseed 28/8 to 26, Groundnut 22 to 24, Oats Cottonseed 11, Cottonseed 15/8, Mustard Oil 90, Linseed Oil 56, Oilcake 11/8. Maize 15/8, Bejhar 12/8 Guwar 12, Peas Ready 14/12, Mangsir 14/8. Maha 14|5 Arhar Ready 13, Mangsr 12/8, Maha 12/11, Urd 17, Moong 20. Masoor 13 to 15.

ART SILK YARN

BOMBAY, Nov. 17

120 Ready Japan	4	0	0
150 Ready Japan	3	14	0
120 Ready Italy	3	12	0
150 Ready Italy	3	13	6
150 D. Box Nov.	764	0	0
150 D. Box Dec.	774	0	0

ALEXANDRIA COTTON

ALEXANDRIA, Nov. 16.

KARNAK	Nov.	78.75+80
	Jan.	76.00+90
	Mar.	75.35+85
ASHMOUNI	Dec.	71.05+05
	Feb.	70.12+12
	Apr.	68.30—10

Pakistan Rupee Touches A New Low

BOMBAY, Thursday.

THE non-official exchange rate between India and Pakistan, which had been fluctuating within small variations with a highest limit at 115, in spite of Pakistan's fixing up the official rate at 144, has now stabilised itself at a further lower rate of 105 Indian rupees per 100 Pakistan rupees, writes the U.P.I. City Editor.

This development, it appears, is due to a widespread belief gradually manifesting in the influencial banking circles in Bombay that Pakistan may find it difficult to maintain the present official rate for long.

Reports from Karachi that offences of buying and selling of the Pakistani rupees at rates other than those prescribed officially will be punishable with imprisonment for two years, are being regarded here as a solid proof of Pakistan's apprehension of non-confidence of the people of Pakistan in their own currency, inasmuch as the Government has been constrained to adopt the most extreme step to stop flight of capital and conversion of the Pakistan currency in sterling. Since Pakistan is not a member of the International Monetary Fund, India, it is pointed out here, is free in not accepting Pakistan's exchange rate under Section 2 of the Article XI of the Fund to which India is a signatory.

Besides, this step, on the contrary, will help the Indian banks having branches in the Pakistan Dominion to transfer their funds to India to a very great extent. This will inevitably mean a profit for Indian banks in the other Dominion and loss to the latter. In view of this possible development, it may be necessary for Pakistan, it is argued, to stage a "volte face" in regard to her decision on non-devaluation.

Wholesale Price Index

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17, (PTI): Wholesale prices in India, as measured by the official index, witnessed a fall of 1.0 per cent during the week ended November 5, 1949, says a press note issued by the Economic Advisor's office. The index which stood at 390.4 (base: year ended August 1939: 100) was 1.1 per cent less than that of the corresponding week of last month but 2.1 per cent higher than a year ago.

BOMBAY BURMAH TRADING CORP. LTD. DECLARES 9 PER CENT DIVIDEND

"At a meeting of the Directors of The Bombay Burmah Trading Corporation Ltd., held on Wednesday, it was resolved to recommend the declaration of the following dividend for the year ended 31st May, 1949:—

Rs. 225 per share on the 100 Original Shares of Rs. 2,500 each.

Rs. 11/4 per share on the 40,000 Shares of Rs. 125 each.

Rs. 4/8 per share on the 84,000 Shares of Rs. 125 (Rs 50 paid) each, being at the rate of 9 per cent per annum, free of income tax."

NEW YORK PEPPER MARKET

NEW YORK Nov. 16.

BLACK PEPPER: The black pepper market was today sliding off sharply with spots offered at 1.22 cents pound due to heavy arrivals which cannot be absorbed in the market. The uncertainty over the export tax still restricted offerings from India.

Following are the closing quotations: Spot 1.22 asked No. 1.26 nom. Dec. 1.26 nom. Jan 1.22 Mar. 1.09 nom. May 1.04 nom. July 1.00 nom. Oct. 0.88 bid Sales nil. White pepper spot 2.50 nominal.

LONDON PEPPER QUIET

LONDON, Nov. 16.

The market was quiet and although Malabar afloat was steadily held, prices otherwise tended to be easier. Malabar afloat was quoted at 1130 shillings per cwt value, November was offered at 1025 shillings and December at 925 shillings cost insurance freight Unikingdom. Black lampong November was hominal at 10 shillings three pence while sellers of white muntok and sarawak indicated 1sh. 3d. c.i.f. basis ports.

SINGAPORE PEPPER PRICES

SINGAPORE, Nov. 17.

Quiet conditions persisted in the Singapore pepper market today and ex-godown quotations of black lampong and white muntok were unchanged at 590 and 900 dollars per picul respectively. Small arrivals of one ton each of quality and loose were sold at 560 and 870 dollars respectively.

Madras Share Bazar

MADRAS, November 17.

Following are today's quotations in the Madras Stock Market:—

GOVERNMENT LOANS 3 per cent Paper 97 8 3 per cent 1966 97 10 3 per cent 1970 75 100 1 Government of Travancore Loan 3 per cent 1952 54 100 12 Government of Madras Loan 3 per cent 1960 99 15

BANKS: Travancore 13 10.

PLANTINGS: Balmadies 1/9 Blue Mountain 2 5 6 Chembra 4 7 Cochin Malabar 4 8 Devashola 13 4 Midland 3/5 Nelliampathy 1 1 Ouch'eriony 5 4 Pullangode 1 Thirumbadi 1/11 T. R. and T. Co. 5 8 Vaikundam 5 8.

TEXTILES: Buckingham 136/8 Buckingham pref. 188 Cambodia 10 8 Coimbatore cum. 118 Coimbatore Pioneer 120 Spg. 44 12 Lakshmi 61/8 Madura 98 2 Mettur 315 Radhakrishna 144 Rajalakshmi 56 Ranga Vilas 46 8 Travancore Ravons 4 1 Trichinopoly 9 12

MISCELLANEOUS: Andhra Cement 69 8 F. A. C. T. 4/7 India Cement 17/11 Mettur Chem 6/7 Mysore Chem Pert 7 8.

Calcutta Share Bazar Remains Firm

CALCUTTA, November 17.

The market showed further firmness with regard to the speculative stocks as a result of good buying support. Other stocks also ruled firm in sympathy Following are today's final transactions upto 3 p.m.:—

GOVERNMENT SECURITIES: 3 per cent Loan 1966 98 11 2 per cent Loan 1948 61 101/1 small lot 3 per cent Loan 1948/65 100 12 small lots 3 per cent Loan 1970/75 100 1 4 per Loan 1960/70 110/4 small lot.

BANKS: Calcutta National 12 12 Hindustan Commercial 20 8 Imperial fully paid 1690

COTTONS: Cawnpore Textiles 9 8 New Victoria ordy 1 15 New Victoria pref 4/4

COALS: Bengal 452 Burrakur 12/6 Central India 4/15 Dhemo Main 12/10 East Indian 3/8 North Dumrda 7/3 Pench Valley 20 2 Talcher 2/14.

JUTES: Alliance 148 Anglo-India 192 Auckland 113 Barnagore 202 ex div Gouripore 450 small lot Howrah 2/14 Kinnison 153 Presidency 5/7 National 21 12 Nuddea 66 Orient 164 Reliance 10 10

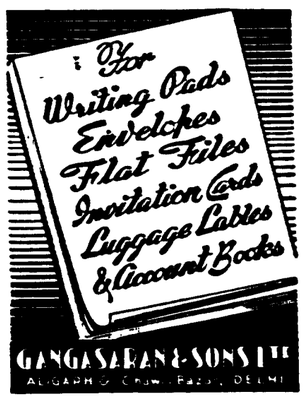
MININGS: Burma Corp. 2/8 Consolidated Tin annas fifteen Indian Copper 2/6

ENGINEERINGS: Braithwaite & Co. 7/12 Burn & Co ordy 244 Indian Iron 28/8 Jessop & Co. 14 Kumardhubi 8/4 National Iron 4/8 Steel Corp. 20 6.

MISCELLANEOUS: Assam Bengal Cement 5/3 Calcutta Electric 15/12 Alluminium Corp. 4/12 B I C. 8 6 F. & C. Order 5/3 Indian Cable 98 10 Indian National Airways 4 Martin Burn 14/8 National Insulated Cable 5/7 cum. div Robtas Industry ordy. 4/6 India Paper Pulp 142 Star Paper 5/4 Midnapore Zemindary 61 Assam Sales 8/2 India Steamship 7/6

SUGARS: Balarampore 6 Cawnpore 24/2. Champaran 19/9 Ramnugger Cane 13 2.

TEAS: Bishnauth 30/8 small lot Dhunseri 8 3.



GOVERNMENT OF INDIA

DISPOSALS

SALE OF AERO ENGINES

Tenders in prescribed forms are invited for the purchase and removal of the following Aero Engines:

i) 512 Merlin Aero Engines located at Avadi, Poona and Agra.
ii) 48 Hercules Aero Engines located at Avadi, Poona and Kanpur.
iii) 2 Cheetah Aero Engines located at Avadi and Kanpur.

If the tenderer proposes to export the engines outside India, he should state the fact in the tender mentioning the No. and the class of engines he proposes to export and the country to which export is intended. The tender will be considered only if such export is found permissible.

Tenders should be submitted in the prescribed form which can be had from the Director General of Disposals, New Delhi and the Regional Commissioners (Disposals), Calcutta, Kanpur, Bombay and Madras on payment of Rs. 5/- per set in cash/Money Order. Tender form contains full particulars of Aero engines, instructions to tenderers, conditions of sale and inspection permit.

Tenders should be addressed to the Director General of Disposals, Miscellaneous Metals and Hardware Directorate, Shahjahan Road, New Delhi, and should reach him by 4 P.M. on 26-12-1949.

DIRECTOR GENERAL OF DISPOSALS,

NEW DELHI.

ABOLISH NIGHT AIR MAIL SERVICE

Non-Official Resolution For Central Legislature

NEW DELHI, November 17 (P.T.I.).

A RESOLUTION calling for the "abolition forthwith" of the system of carrying mails and passengers by air by night tabled by Mr. Rohini Kumar Chaudhuri (Assam) has drawn the first place in the ballot held for the non-official resolutions to be discussed on November 30 in the Constituent Assembly (Legislative).

November 30 and December 16 have been fixed for discussion of non-official resolutions, to be moved in the Constituent Assembly (Legislative) beginning on November 28.

About 1,000 questions, it is understood, have already been given notice of by members. The questions will be taken up on the day allotted to the particular Ministry to which they relate.

Other non-official resolutions balloted include one by Banarsi Prasad Jhunjhunwala's which demands that "imports from hard currency areas of all consumers goods including those of foodstuffs be stopped with immediate effect and steps be taken to balance the remaining imports from these areas by increasing exports, as well as, by stepping up cottage industries to increase production so as to take the place of reduced imports of consumer goods".

PROGRESS ENQUIRY

A resolution by Thirumala Rao wants that a committee of five members of the House be appointed by Government to inquire into and report on the scientific progress so far made by the institutions run by the Council of Scientific and Industrial Research since their inception and the extent to which their activities were helpful to the industrial development of the country.

Mr. Jhunjhunwala's and Mr. Rao's resolutions have not yet been admitted.

A resolution which stands in the name of Dr. Punjabrao Deshmukh says that the "Government of India should take immediate steps to see that the Central, Provincial as well as State governments accord adequate representation to backward communities consistently with the maintenance of efficiency of administration in the Government and semi-government services and posts connected with the affairs of the Central, Provincial or State governments".

AGENDA

Our Delhi Correspondent writes.

Fifty bills, five resolutions and two sets of supplementary demands for grants form the provisional agenda for the autumn session of the Union Parliament which commences here from Nov. 26.

Indo-U.K. financial agreement, Indo-World Bank loans agreements, extention of life by one year to the Requisitioned Lands Act, extention of period of the Central Government and Legislature Act and amendment of Central Road Fund form the subject matter of the resolutions.

Supplementary demands will be for both railways and general administration. As for legislation 11 bills are already pending before the Parliament. Another 11 bills will replace ordinance which have been issued since March last and include the much criticised Evacuee Property Ordinance.

Twenty eight new bills include two from Defence Ministry seeking further amendment of Indian Army Act and Indian airforce Act.

Home Ministry will sponsor bills relating to Indian citizenship and amendment of Indian Police Force Act and Indian Arms Act. Labour Ministry has bills to amend Mines Act, Labour Relations Bill, Trade Union Act Amendment Bill and Labour Appellate Tribunal Bill. Information Ministry has bills to amend Insurance Act, Merchant Shipping Act, bill to delegate powers to the Director-General of Indian Shipping, protection to aluminium bill and amendment of Trade Marks Act bill.

Ministry of Works Mines and Power has bills to regulate professions of architects and engineers, to amend Delhi Premises Requisition Act and Electricity Act and to regulate handling shortage of conveyance and importation of explosives and armaments. Law Ministry has a bill to relating to Provincial Insolvency Act which is intended to extend to merged States. Ministry of Industry and Supplies has bills to amend Indian Patents and Designs Act and Rubber Production and Marketing Act. Finance Ministry has a bill to amend Rehabilitation Finance Administration Act. Transport Ministry has bills to set up Road Transport Corporation and to unify the administration of various major Port Trusts and to amend central Reserve Force Act.

WHEN INDIA BECOMES REPUBLIC

Status Of Indians In Britain Unaffected

(From Our Correspondent)

LONDON, Nov. 17.

The status of Indians in Great Britain will not be affected by India becoming a Republic. The British Government has already drafted appropriate legislation for submission to Parliament.

There will be no change in the status until decided otherwise by both Governments.

It is understood the Commonwealth Prime Ministers will meet early next year.

Punjab Congressmen Resign

LUDHIANA, Nov. 17:— Since the recent ministerial changes in the East Punjab 289 Congress workers and members of this district belonging to the Sachar Group, have resigned from the Congress, it was learned here today. Nineteen of the persons who resigned have gone over to Socialist Party so far.

INDIA NEEDS U. S. AID BADLY

Will Pay Dividends, Says Mr. Henderson

SAN-FRANCISCO, Nov. 17 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Mr. Loy Henderson, United States Ambassador to India on his way back to New Delhi after routine consultations at Washington said he thought, was little danger of Communist penetration of India from without.

But India's economic woes were a danger to the spread of Communist philosophy from within, he added.

Mr. Henderson said that though India was not a Marshall Plan country, it needed aid badly and such an American investment would pay dividends by making India a firm buffer to Asiatic Communist expansion.

He thought United States-India friendship had been enhanced by Pandit Nehru's visit to the United States.

He added: "It will have a good effect. Mr. Nehru was familiar with American leaders and, through books, with American methods. Yet he was overwhelmed by the American people's spontaneous friendliness. His visit was well reported in India. Such reports will quiet America's foes within India".

INTER-DOMINION TRADE DEADLOCK TO CONTINUE

Basic Stand Of Pakistan Government Obstructs Joint Conference

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17.

The inter-dominion trade deadlock continues and according to authoritative quarters it has not been found possible so far to agree on a tentative agenda for any inter-dominion talks, not to speak of any prosective settlement or agreement on matters concerning trade, commerce and exchange. It is generally known that the Pakistan Government sent a few weeks ago an official of their Commerce Ministry to sound the India Government on the need for holding a joint conference and later approached the Government by correspondence, but it appears all these efforts had failed because of the basic stand of the Pakistan Government.

Official quarters here pointed out that India had made it repeatedly clear to Pakistan that she did not intend to boycott Pakistan goods but at the same time she could not be expected to buy Pakistan goods at fancy prices based on what was asserted to be an unreal valuation of Pakistan's currency by unilateral action. Whether Pakistan chooses to pay less to her primary producers or to devalue her currency is wholly a matter for her and there is no disposition in India to influence her in this matter to stick to her higher rate of exchange, but in that case prices of her exports and the structure of her export duties must conform to the necessities of a buyers market.

SHORTAGE OF RAW JUTE

It is further pointed out that in spite of the fact that there is a general shortage of raw jute in the world, foreign buyers have so far kept off the Pakistan market not because of any anxiety on their part to interfere with the Pakistan rate of exchange, but because they have found the Pakistan jute to be uneconomical and unremunerative. There may be a few distress purchases to keep the industries going, but by and large there have not been any substantial purchases, and from all accounts this policy is likely to continue until either is a further fall in the price of Pakistan jute or there is devaluation of her currency.

The present volume of trade between the two dominions is restricted to small scale smuggling which neither Government can prevent because of the long frontier as also of the zeal on the part of some subordinate officials to make money.

Informed economic and financial circles feel that the day is not far off notwithstanding the statements of Pakistan statesmen that there would be no change in the "no devaluation decision", when Pakistan may be compelled to devalue her currency.

HOLDING UP JUTE

Meanwhile, it is stated here that the distress in East Bengal is deepening. Pakistan is holding up jute purchased by Indian nationals and paid for at pre-devaluation rate.

The Government of India, on the other hand, it is stated, have continued to supply the full quota of coal on which the whole economy of Pakistan depends.

Referring to the condition of exports of other commodities from Pakistan, these sources state that exports of handlooms, hides and skins and tea have come to a complete standstill and things like chillies in which there was a brisk market formerly, do not find a market now. On the other hand the prices of foodgrains are rising. On the Indian side, it is stated, Government have formulated policies of self-sufficiency in jute and cotton and are giving high priority to these plans. Jute production in Inda in 1950 is expected to be fifty lakh bales and similarly production of Indian cotton is expected to be raised by five lakh bales of those varieties which used to be imported from Pakistan.

Yarn Market Steady With Improved Demand

BOMBAY, November 17.

The yarn market remained steady during the week and prices fluctuated within a very narrow range, with some improvement in demand from various internal markets but with actual buying very spasmodic. Foreign yarns were very dull and featureless. Silk yarns and staple fibre yarns, have been fluctuating on various rumours mostly emanating from interested sources but the undertone at the close was steady.

INDIAN YARNS:

Inspite of the reduction in prices of 4 p. c. from November onwards the offtake in the local market was rather disappointing, although enquiries have increased particularly in popular counts such as 20s 10s and 12s. it is reported from several producing centres that stocks with mills are yet very large, although most of these consist of fine and superfine yarns. On the other hand, there was a very satisfactory demand for exports, especially in medium counts such as 10s, 12s, 20s. and 30s particularly from the near and far eastern markets and fairly large quantities were placed during the week. It is to be particularly noted, however, that only those mills that have been producing satisfactory qualities were able to make sales for export in large quantities. Those mills that were producing inferior grade yarns without caring much for count or quality find oconsiderable difficulty in selling their yarns for export markets and consequently stocks with them have considerably increased. The stalemate in business between Pakistan and India still continues and this has considerably affected the sale of handloom goods where stocks are accumulating. On the whole however the situation is getting more and more hopeful.

FOREIGN YARNS:

Reports from Manchester indicate that there was heavy demand for cotton yarns for various export markets and prices remained very steady. Surprisingly, however, the sales of Manchester yarns in local markets were very meagre and prices realised were extremely poor. The future tendency of the market is still uncertain.

ART SILK YARNS:

Prices on the local exchange fluctuated almost every day to the extent of about Rs. 10/- to Rs. 15/- per case on various rumours said to be emanating from New Delhi with regard to the grant of licences for imports of rayon yarns from soft currency countries as well as from Japan. On the whole, fluctuations during the week were rather narrow with uncertain tendency at the close. In the meantime the offtake in ready goods, especially in first and second grade qualities remains satisfactory, but on account of scarcity, buyers, espeically the power-looms, were compelled to pay much higher prices. Local demand for art silk cloth does not show any improvement, whereas sales for export were fairly satisfactory. The trend of the market remains uncertain.

NEW POWERS OF DETENTION

Madras Measure Passed

MADRAS, Nov. 17, (PTI):— A threatened walk out by the Opposition members in the Madras Council (Upper House) this evening was averted, on the intervention of the President who appealed the members "to maintain the dignity of the House".

The maintenance of the Public Order Act, as passed by the Assembly, was in the second reading stage when the Opposition members took a strong attitude against a new clause in the bill providing that Government action detaining an individual could not be questioned or invalidated on grounds of defect or vagueness in the order of detention.

Dr. K. V. John, Leader of the Opposition, moving an amendment for the deletion of the clause declared that "no self-respecting member" could be party to a legislation which deprived a detenu the legitimate right of appeal to courts against detention. The provisions, he said, would be a slur on the Statue Book as it violated the principles of justice and democracy.

The Opposition amendment, pressed to a division in a thin House, was lost by nine votes against 13.

Thereupon, Dr. John said that the Opposition members were "walking out" as they did not want to share the responsibility for enacting a legislation "depriving an individual of his fundamental rights".

The measure which has now been passed into law by both the houses provides for preventive detention, imposition of collective fines, control of meetings and processions and of essential services.

Fall In Government Securities

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17. (P.T.I.): The Economic Adviser's index of Government securities (base: 1927-28: 100) for October 1949 witnessed a fall of 0.4 points to 115 2 as compared with the preceding month, but was more by 0.1 point when compared with October 1948.

SOLUTION FOR STOPPING RUSSIAN COMMUNISM

Hoffman's Call For U. S.-Western Europe Unity

RICHMOND (Virginia), Nov. 17 (PTI-Reuter).

MR. PAUL HOFFMAN, the United States Marshall Plan Administrator, said here today that the "majorities" in countries conquered by the Kremlin were bound some day to reassert themselves, "perhaps at Stalin's death."

Addressing the Virginia World Trade Conference, he said if the United States and Western Europe remained strong and united "Russian Communism will not only be stopped but in the not too distant future it, like all evil things, will destroy itself."

Paul Hoffman

The plans of the men of the Kremlin would fail so utterly that Russia herself would cease to be a slave State, Mr. Hoffman declared.

He said: "I believe this because I cannot see how the Kremlin can even hold what she has now, unless she conquers Western Europe. She needs not only the steel, coal, and oil of Western Europe and the Near East but, more important she needs the skills of the Western Europeans.

Transval Train Accident

JOHANNESBURG, Nov. 16 (P.T.I.-Reuter): Death roll in the train crash near Waterval Bovin, Transvaal, rose to 59 tonight when two Africans died.

H. M. S. "Mauritius"

MADRAS, Nov. 17 (PTI): H.M.S. "Mauritius" (7,000 tons), flagship of the East Indian station, arrived in Madras harbour this morning from Calcutta.

The Resident Naval Officer, Lt.-Commander, P. N. Nair called on the Captain of the ship, Capt. Hilken, D.S.O., R.N.

BOMBAY, Thursday (U.P.I.): Dr Mam Manohar Lohia, the Socialist leader, who returned to Bombay on Tuesday from his tour of Europe as the chairman of the Foreign Commission of the Socialist Party of India, left today for Delhi by air 'en route' to the United Provinces for joining there by the Socialist Party.

Fear Of Russia Unfounded

VYSHINSKY REPLIES TO BRITAIN'S CHARGES

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 16. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Waving his arms wildly Andrei Vyshinsky, Soviet Foreign Minister, told Britain's Minister of State, Hector McNeil to take the blind off his eyes and see what is happening in the world.

The Russian was speaking in the United Nations Political Committee debate on Soviet proposals for new peace efforts and was following an attack by Mr McNeil who told M. Vyshinsky to tell the Kremlin Politburo why world opinion was ranged against them.

M Vyshinsky said that many speakers referred to their fear of the Soviet Union.

"If you cower under this fear—if you are so nervous—I suggest that you ask for medical advice" he said.

"What facts are there to justify such fears? As if the Soviet army can cross the ocean to attack the United States. Such an army does not exist".

"I suggest that Mr. McNeil takes the blind off his eyes and look what is happening in the world. In all countries millions of human beings are on the march. They are our friends—the friends of peace, the friends of democracy in the most beautiful sense of the word.

"If you do not perceive this and say that the representative of China here is the representative of the Chinese people, you are wrong".

The committee adjourned till tomorrow.

Lie Receives Cable From Peking

LAKE SUCCESS, Nov. 16. (PTI-Reuter): United Nations sources said today the Secretary General Mr. Arygve Lie, received a cable from Peking today—garbled and unintelligible.

They thought it might be a request for the replacement of the Chinese nationalist delegation to the United Nations by a Communist group.

LATEST COMMERCIAL NEWS

NEW YORK COTTON DECEMBER

New York, Nov 17.

Previous closing	29.82
To-day's opening	29.80
Difference	—02
To-day's closing	29.76
Difference	—06

LAST QUOTATIONS

Bombay, Nov. 17.

Silver Forward Magshir	Rs. 169	4	0
Gold Forward Magshir ..	Rs. 114	6	0
Silver Bullion	Rs. 169	0	0
Silver Mint	Rs. 169	10	0
Gold Ready	Rs. 115	0	0
Sovereign	Rs. 76	8	0

NEW YORK STOCKS

New York, Nov. 17.

Stock Exchange opening prices:—
Anaconda Copper Mining unquoted.
General Motors dol 65 1/8
United States Steel Common dol 24 1/4
United States Steel Pref. dol 135 3/4

London Stock Exchange

LONDON, Nov. 17. (P.T.I.-Reuter): Although most sections moved higher today the London Stock Exchange appeared to lack driving force. British Government Stocks were being bought in initial dealings but this was thought to have been an overflow of yesterday's late institutional support. Gains were not always fully held and the section closed fractionally under best.

Leading Industrial equities moved higher and there were some appreciable gains among fixed interest shares. Irons and steels were particularly firm on speculative support following postponement of the nationalisation date. Buyers were hoping that the forthcoming general election will bring a change of Government and a throw out of the take-over bill.

Oil shares followed the general trend and were firm. Burmahs were a good market at 2 13/16 and useful rises were shown by others.

Base metal shares were a trifle irregular in small trading. South African mines were quietly firmer. Prices improved after a hesitant start.

AHMEDABAD SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Ahmedabad, Nov. 17.

Local share market ruled between narrow fluctuations without remarkable change.

Fluctuations: Calico opened 264, lowest 263, highest 264/12.

Arvind opened 746, lowest 739, highest 750.

Ambica opened 336, highest 337.

Deferred opened 1365, lowest 1360, highest 1384.

Closing quotations: Calico 263, Arvind 748, Ambica 337, Deferred 1376.

INDORE SHARE MARKET

(From Our Correspondent)

Indore City, Nov. 17

To-day's closing quotations on Indore Stock Exchange were as follows:—

Indore Malwa 121, Hukamchand Mill 549, Bhandari Mill 672, Vinod Mill 338, Kalyanmal Mill 88, Kalyanmal Pref 77, Rajkumar Mill 130, Indore Bank 63.

THIRD READING OF DRAFT CONSTITUTION

(Continued from page 4)

as contemplated in the preamble to this Constitution, so long as we are tied down to the apron strings of the sterling area. The inhuman distress which India is suffering today is due to our hob-nobbing with the Commonwealth countries headed by the United Kingdom.

"MAHABHARAT"

Other points made by Mr. Das were: the Constitution, with 396 clauses, was a "Mahabharat" in constitutional history. Life soldiers running amuck, the minds of the Drafting Committee had run amuck.

The recommendations of the Federal Public Service Commission must be regarded as final in matters of recruitment.

The Auditor-General must exercise a close check on public expenditure.

Government officials in India, although they were trying to conform to the democratic system, were still labouring under the old idea that their financial irregularities could not be checked.

If the British could rule this country with seven secretaries, there was no justification now for 19 secretaries.

Adult franchise, borrowed from the West, might not suit this country. It might be that in five or ten years the basis of franchise might have to be changed.

The national anthem must be settled before the third reading was completed.

Officials in India must be debarred, if necessary by legislation from wearing Western dress.

The 'Ad Hoc' Committee promised by Dr. Ambedkar to re-allocate the basis of distribution of income-tax proceeds should be appointed soon. If necessary, the President should compel Government to do so. He was confident that any reallocation would benefit Assam and Orissa.

He expressed his gratitude to Manatma Gandhi and thanks to the President, the Drafting Committee, Sir B. N. Rau, Constitutional Adviser and others who had made the Draft Constitution possible.

The House adjourned till tomorrow.

KARENS DETAIN PEACE ENVOY

RANGOON, Nov. 17, (PTI-Reuter): Karen rebels in the Irrawaddy Delta area have detained Bo Khin Win, nephew of the Burmese Minister for Karen Affairs and Frontier Areas, Mahn Ba Saing, according to an unofficial report reaching here today. The report said Khin Win was captured while on "a peace mission" appealing to the Karens to down their arms.

Premier Thakin Nu said here that the Burma Government hoped to buy 33 and one-third per cent of the shares of the British-owned Burmah Oil Company "if present negotiations between the Government and the company are successful".

People IN THE NEWS

GOVERNMENT HOUSE NEWS

BOMBAY, Thursday.

His Excellency the Governor of Madras, and Her Highness the Maharani Sahiba of Bhavnagar, attended by Captain and Mrs O. K. Karunakaran have arrived.

Mrs. Ruth C. Wright and Colonel Karl Drunner have arrived.

The Governor of Bombay received Mr. John Barnabas.

His Excellency and Rani Maharaj Singh attended the Vatican Exhibition of Indian Art at St. Xavier's College Hall, where they were received by the Revd. Fr H. Santapau, Rector and Chairman of the Reception Committee.

His Excellency and Rani Maharaj Singh gave an "At Home" at Government House to the Federation of University Women of India.

MR. G. D. VARTAK

BOMBAY, Thursday.

The Minister for Local Self Government, Bombay, Mr G D. Vartak will leave the city for Bhiwandi on November 19, in the afternoon and will return to Bombay next day.

During his visit to Bhiwandi the Minister will distribute prizes to the successful students in the Elocution Competition held on the Gandhi Jayanti Day, lay down the foundation stone of the Municipal Harijan Quarters and declare open the Azad Maidan.

MR. M. M. NAIK—NIMBALKAR

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. M. M. Naik—Nimbalkar, Minister for Development, will leave Bombay for Ratnagiri on November 18, by steamer. He will halt at Ratnagiri on the 19th and proceed to Bhor on the following day. He will leave Bhor for Bombay, via Poona, the same evening.

The Minister will be back in Bombay on November 21.

SIR RAMA RAU

MADRAS, Nov. 17, (UPI): Sir Rama Rau, Governor of the Reserve Bank, who is on a short visit to the city met the Finance Minister of Madras, Mr. B. Gopal Reddy today and discussed with him the Madras Government's proposals to raise money to meet capital expenditure.

Sir Rama Rau is understood to have told the Finance Minister that some of their schemes were feasible but with regard to others he would have to discuss with the Government of India.

Sir Rama Rau is also stated to have said that the money market would ease a little next year when the Government could raise loan.

The way of life we cherish

The appreciative silence, the warmly generous applause as friends sit grouped around the home musician—here is a strand woven into the rich tapestry of India's tradition and culture.

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U. S. SENATORS ARRIVE IN DELHI

Four American Senators who arrived in New Delhi are here photographed with representatives of the External Affairs Ministry and U. S. Embassy.

'Know-How' Needed To Solve Problems

VISITING SENATORS' SUGGESTIONS

U. S. Aid Has No Bearing On Indo-Pakistan Issues

NEW DELHI, Nov. 17 (PTI)

FOUR MEMBERS of the special Sub-Committee of the United States Appropriations Committee now in Delhi on a three-day visit, in an informal chat with press correspondents at the Government House said that the object of their roving mission was to study economic and political conditions in the countries they visited and to submit their report to the Congress.

Two of the four visiting Senators belong to the Democratic Party and the other two are Republicans, the Opposition Party.

Senator Allen J. Ellender, Chairman of the Sub-Committee, said that the parent committee of which they were all members apportioned all the money required to operate the Government. The purpose of their visit to India and elsewhere was to get acquainted with the problems which faced the world, and not on any investigation mission. They hoped to submit a report to their colleagues sometime in January next when the Congress would be in session. The facts which they hoped to present the Senator claimed, would be of great assistance to the Congress in arriving at conclusions and would have some bearing on what the Congress might do.

THE HINT

Senator Ellender who was on an unofficial visit to India three years ago, added: "I personally see great prospects for future development here. One of the problems here is lack of food and a large population but with the vast acreage available, it strikes me that with hard work you can considerably increase the food supply. You must know the "Know-How" and work hard. You have a number of projects, flood control and hydro-electric, the consummation of which would mean better living conditions. With united effort and hard work you can achieve it. We, as a people, worked hard and made a raw country what it is today. I think it is possible here in India also."

He expressed the visitors' thanks to the Government of India who gave them the information they required, answered their many questions and discussed the problems without reservations.

"POINT FOUR"

Asked if the visit was in connection with President Truman's Point Four (assistance to backward areas), the Senator said that certain committees were dealing with this specific matter.

The Point Four programme had been vaguely described by many but what it meant was that the United States was willing to come forward "to let you in and know some of our "Know-How"; in other words, render technical assistance in the execution of plans which would lead to a better way of life. Of course once plans were worked out then funds would be required, but these problems could be dealt with in future and a way would be worked out. How much money was to be expended on a particular plan had to be decided by the Congress and it might be, the information the visiting Senators were gathering might be of importance to the Congress in arriving at decisions."

Senator Green, Senator Fergusson (Republic) and Senator Jenner (Republican) are the other three members of the Party.

Senator Green said that besides being member of the Appropriations Committee, he was also a member of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee. This Committee had the sole power to lay down the foreign policy of the State while the Appropriations Committee provided the means to give effect to that policy. In both his capacities, he had profited by the visit.

Senator Fergusson said that this visit provided him and his colleagues with an opportunity to get first hand information rather than depend "on the second hand information through the Executive."

In a general discussion, the Senators said that after all it was economics and politics which together made up foreign relations. They would be glad to discuss matters and advise those who find that the American mode of life, economic and political, as better.

Senator Ellender said that while American assistance to India and Pakistan would not be dependent upon a settlement of the disputes between them, such settlement would help determine the extent of the assistance.

JUTE STOCKS MOUNT IN PAKISTAN

Frantic Efforts For Disposal

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Nov. 17: Frantic efforts are reported being made by Pakistan for the disposal of the already accumulated huge stocks of raw jute and to find markets for it in other countries of the world as India has refused to buy it following Pakistan's decision to maintain the value of her own rupee.

It has been pointed out that out of the total output of about 65 lakh bales of raw jute annually, nearly half the quantity was bought by India alone and therefore efforts are now being made to sell at least the pre-war quantity of 42 lakh bales to other countries of the world which had lately been reduced to 25 lakh bales only.

Since the recent announcement of the new jute policy by Pakistan, demands from various countries are stated to be steadily increasing. However, authorities here appear perturbed over the reports of ever-mounting stocks of this commodity in Eastern Pakistan.

ERA OF THE ATOM BOMB IS PAST

No More Absolute; Now For Peace, Says Blackett

LONDON, Nov. 17 (UPI).

"ATOM BOMB has ceased to be a war-winner and is now regarded only as a fear deterrent", said Prof. P. M. S. Blackett, Nobel prize winner and author of the world famous book, "Political and Military Consequences of Atomic Energy" in an interview to

He added, "Despite the Anglo-American official statements that nothing has changed as a result of the Russian possession of the bomb, the fact is that the Western Powers do not know what to do. Though their policy has not yet changed, great changes in opinion are already evident. There is now more realistic appreciation of the effects of the bomb than there was during the period 1945-1948, when it was regarded as an 'absolute weapon', which would finish the enemy in a matter of days and win the war cheaply."

The recent American Navy-Air Force controversy about the 'B36' was cited by Prof. Blackett as a striking evidence of changing views.

COLOSSAL CHANGE

Quoting Hoyt Vandenberg, chief exponent of the bomb, as saying that the bomb was mainly a deterrent, that ground forces was still necessary to fight the war, and that the atom bomb was playing only a subsidiary touch important role, the Professor said, "In viewing the colossal change in military thinking since 1945, with the climax of the Berlin crisis last year favouring an immediate show-down, we must consider the respective deterrents of each side.

"It is probably true that the American atom bomb is a deterrent to Russian aggression, but certainly it is also true that the powerful Red Army is a deterrent to Western aggression. There is not now, and cannot be for some years to come, any force capable of preventing Russia from marching to the Atlantic Coast.

"When Field-Marshal Montgomery took charge of the Western Union Defence and started planning, it was at once realised that there was no defence at all against the Red Army. The U.S.A. might atom-bomb Russian cities, but cannot defend any Western capital or industrial city against the Russians.

BALANCE UPSET

"Now that Russia possesses the atom bomb plus the Red Army, there is no longer any balance of power in Europe. The only sensible thing, therefore, is to out law the use of the bomb."

Prof. Blackett added that Russia certainly did not want a war. Both there and in other countries, including England, armaments cost must reduce the standard of living. The position of the United States was different, since the expenditure on war preparations was probably providing outlets to surplus capital and productive resources.

Referring to the defence of civilian population, Prof. Blackett said: "Though theoretically it is possible, it is utterly and completely incompatible with economic recovery. No civil defence measures are possible in the West because they would ruin the whole economy."

MORE FIRES THAT BURN CLOTHES ALONE

(From Our Correspondent)

RAJKOT, Nov. 17: A bizarre phenomenon, not dissimilar to what had a few days ago puzzled Delhi people, has lately occurred at Upleta near Gondal. In five or six places mysterious fires broke out, almost simultaneously. As at Delhi the lambent flames enveloped the clothes alone.

Pakistan Move To Rename West Punjab

(From Our Correspondent)

KARACHI, Nov. 17: The Working Committee of the West Punjab Muslim League has, by resolution, requested the Pakistan Government to rename the province of West Punjab as "Punjab", merely.

Supporters of this resolution argued that since all the five rivers from which the original name 'Punjab' was derived, were flowing within the West Punjab boundaries, it was proper that this portion of original Punjab be called as Punjab only.

BE ARCHITECTS OF NEW SOCIETY

Mayor's Address At City Meeting

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. S. K. Patel, Mayor of Bombay, addressing the Institute of Architects here this evening said that they should not merely be architects of buildings, cinema houses and hospitals, but architects of a new society wherein happier and more human conditions of life were created for the common man.

He even suggested that legislation should be enacted, if necessary making unhygienic habits like spitting on the road an offence and that mobile magistracies should be set up to punish the offenders on the spot.

He exhorted the architects to evolve a new plan for making the city of Bombay more beautiful and clean and he promised the Municipality's full support in such a constructive effort.

Mr. C. M. Master, wro presided, requested the Mayor to see that proper representation was given to the architects in the Municipality so that they might contribute their mite to improve civic affairs.

GUR EXPORT BANNED

Warning To Hoarders

BOMBAY, Thursday.

With a view to bringing down the prices of gur in this Province, the Government of Bombay has placed a ban on the export of gur from the Province except under a permit from the Director of Civil Supplies, Bombay.

As it was apprehended that an attempt was being made to circumvent this ban by arranging movement by sea, a ban has now been placed on the removal of gur by sea to places even within the Province without a permit from the District Magistrate.

Although prices of gur have, as a result of the ban, started coming down they are still comparatively high. It is understood that some merchants are attempting to corner stocks of gur with the hope that they will be allowed to export them.

The Government proposes to stop all exports of gur from the Province unless the prices within the Province come down to a reasonable level. Export of gur to neighbouring Provinces which normally depend on supplies from this Province will be considered thereafter and only on Government account.

If in spite of this warning it is found that traders are hoarding stocks of gur, the Government will be constrained to acquire these stocks at such prices as it may fix for the purpose.

Tariff Board President's Daughter Weds

BOMBAY, Thursday.

Mr. G. L. Mehta, President, Indian Tariff Board, and Mrs. Saudamani Mehta today celebrated the marriage ceremony of their daughter, Nijanjana, with Subash Kumar Dhar at their residence at Colaba. The elite of the city, including the Ministers of the Government of Bombay and prominent officials of the Central and the provincial Governments, were present, at a recention held in the evening. The reception was preceded by a simple religious ceremony. The couple were the recepients of felicitations from, among others, the Governor-General Shri Rajagopalachari, the Deputy Prime Minister Sardar Patel and the Hon'ble B. G. Kher, Premier of Bombay.

DISTRIBUTION OF CEMENT

Arrangements In Bombay

BOMBAY, Thursday: The Government of Bombay having decided to take over from the Regional Honorary Cement Adviser, distribution of cement against the provincial quota, applications for cement are hereafter to be made to the Joint Provincial Rationing Officer, (Cement), 7 Queen's Barrack, Cooperage (near Golwala Bath), Fort, Bombay, from whom application forms can be obtained free. Application forms will also be supplied to the Stockists of A.C.C. and Digvijaya cement for issue on demand.

Applicants residing in Bombay and its suburbs or in Ahmedabad should send with their applications for cement copies of building permits issued to them by the Building Controller, Bombay or Ahmedabad. If their demand for cement is not for construction work for which a building permit is required, but for repairs or such work for which building permit is not required, applicants should send statements showing calculations on which quantity of cement required is based.

INTENSIFY FOOD DRIVE

V. L. Mehta's Plea To Villagers

BOMBAY, Thursday.

"Growing more foodcrops is the most important problem which the country is called upon to face today and all our efforts must be directed towards achieving self-sufficiency in food", said Mr. V. L. Mehta, Minister for Finance, Co-operation and Village Industries, Government of Bombay, inaugurating a Village Workers' Training Class at Miri, a village 24 miles from Ahmednagar.

Referring to the food shortage in the country, he said that all round efforts must be made to intensify the Grow More Food Campaign because they had to import foodgrains worth crores of rupees every year and it was imperative to put a stop to this drain

Call To Telephone Subscribers

BOMBAY, Thursday: An earnest appeal to the telephone subscribers in the Greater Bombay to join the Bombay Telephone Subscribers' Association in large numbers and to increase its strength to fight what he termed "high-handed management" of the Telephone Department, was made by Mr N. S. Bhathena, Hon. Secretary of the Association addressing the General Body Meeting of the B.T.S.A. at the Cama Oriental Institute Hall this evening.

Reviewing the activities of the Association since its formation five months ago, Mr. Bhathena said that the B.T.S.A. was getting sound support from the telephone subscribers - in greater Bombay but unless they all stood unitedly, they would not achieve their object. Their object, he said, was to get adequate remedies for subscribers to redress their grievances, and suggested that the Government should appoint at least three members of the Association on the Advisory Committee.

The meeting adopted the draft constitution of the Association and also elected Mr. Purshottam Tricumdas as the President and Mr. Bhathena as General Secretary for the ensuing year.

The meeting was presided over by Mr. Purshottam Tricumdas.

UDAY SHANKER ON WORLD TOUR

Uday Shankar, the famous dancer left on a world tour with his troupe by s.s. "Strathaird" on Wednesday. He is seen here with his wife before his departure.

TRANSFER OF PLOT FOR SODA-WATER FACTORY

Heated Debate In Corporation

BOMBAY, Thursday.

IN the teeth of the Socialist opposition the Bombay Municipal Corporation sanctioned today the transfer of a plot of land at Worli from a person to whom it was originally leased to another.

Mr. Rohit Dave's amendment, referring the resolution back to the Improvements Committee, moved at a former meeting of the Corporation was thrown out by a large majority. Mr S. K. Patil, Mayor, presided.

When the amendment was declared lost, the Socialists asked for poll. This was granted. When the result of the poll was declared by the Mayor, it was found that the amendment was lost by a large majority. The Mayor then put to the vote the original resolution. When this was passed as expected, the Socialists again pressed the Mayor for poll. In granting the poll for the second time, the Mayor declared that the Socialist attitude was unfair. He thought it would be better if the Law, Revenue and General Purposes Committee would find out some ways and means to check these dilatory tactics which wasted the time of the House. The resolution was then passed by a majority of 45 against 28, this being the result of the poll.

THE RESOLUTION

The resolution passed by the House referred to a plot of land at Worli which was originally leased to Mrs. Halima Begum Shiraz Ali in 1944 at Rs. 15 per square yard, for erecting a building for a film studio. On the same terms and conditions it was transferred to Mr Vadilal Chaturbhai Gandhi in 1946. This year the lessee applied for the Corporation sanction to transfer the plot to Messrs. Pure Drinks Limited and to change its user for putting up an aerated water factory.

At the resumed debate on the resolution today Dr M B Raut contended that as shown in the Master Plan the plot was situated in a residential area, and as such, its use should not be allowed for building a soda-water factory, particularly in view of the fact that such a factory was not an absolute necessity.

UNDUE HURRY

Dr. Raut further observed that it was wrong on the part of the party to have erected a structure before the plot and the change of its user were even sanctioned by the Municipality. In the normal course a fine should have been imposed on the party concerned for erecting such an unauthorised structure. He wondered why this step was not taken by the Municipal Commissioner.

Mr. Naushir Bharucha, in supporting Mr. Dave's amendment wanted to know from the Commissioner why he did not exercise his right of imposing fine in such a case as this.

Mr. G. G. Mehta said that the resolution was one of the greatest public scandals which would have serious repurcussions if it came to placing the whole matter before a court of law. The fact that no fine was imposed upon the architect for putting up an unauthorised structure, indicated that there was something "fishy" about the whole transaction.

Closure was then applied, and the resolution was carried.

PRIMARY MEMBERS OF CONGRESS

Enrolment Drive Ends

BOMBAY, Thursday: The General Secretaries of the B.P.C.C., have issued the following statement, in regard to enrolment of Congress primary members:

From the press statement issued by Shri Kala Venkatarao, General Secretary, A.I.C.C., dated New Delhi, Nov. 15, it is now clear that no extension of time for enrolment of Congress primary members till the end of this month was ever granted by him generally.

The enrolment of Primary members, therefore, closed on 15th November according to the date originally fixed.

The Roving officers and District Congress Committees are hereby requested to take note of this and return all the membership receipts and forms to the office of the B.P.C.C., Congress House, on or before 8 p.m. Tuesday, 22nd November.

Enrolment of Qualified and Effective members will, however, go on for sometime more in the District and B.P.C.C. offices respectively and the last date for enrolment of Qualified members is 30th November.

Application forms for both these memberships are available at the Congress offices.—District as well as the Central offices. Applications in respect of these membership must be handed over by the applicants to the Congress offices concerned, personally.

"Beat System" For Better Detection Of Crime

MORARJI DESAI ASKS POLICE TO GIVE OF THEIR BEST

BOMBAY, Thursday.

"CRIME is bound to occur as long as the human race does not reach the ideal state of humanity. Our constant effort is to reach the ideal state of humanity when a man will not live as a brute but will live as a man. That is he will not look to his selfish motives and for his selfish aims but he will live more for others than for himself. When that stage comes there will be no crime, no quarrel. Until that happens we have got to be more vigilant of the crime that is going on," observed Mr. Morarji Desai, the Home Minister, at a conference of Police Officers held this morning to explain beat system to be introduced in Greater Bombay from December 1.

The Conference was attended by the Commissioner of Police, the Deputy and Assistant Commissioners of Police as well as other police officers.

The Home Minister expressed a hope that the organisation of the beat system in the City would help speedy and effective investigation of the offences and thereby reduce them to a minimum. He said that he expected every Police Officer to put in his best to make the new scheme a success.

AT THE COST OF YOUR LIFE

He told the Officers that they should give their best to serve the people even at the cost of their lives without asking for rewards. He felt sure that if they worked in that spirit, their work would be appreciated both by the people as well as by the Government.

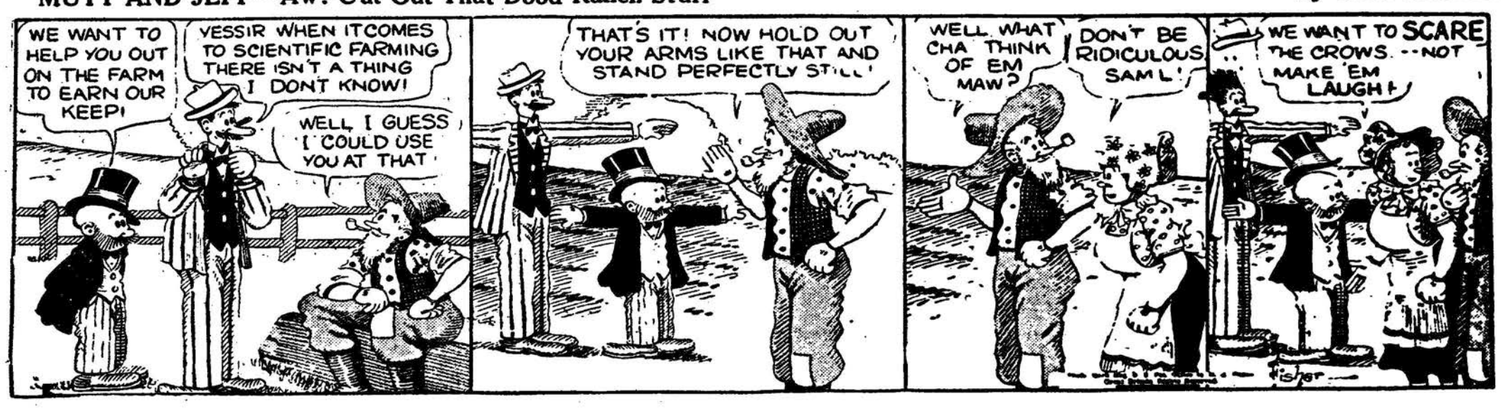
He advised the Police authorities to train policemen in First-aid so that they may be more useful in rendering aid to the people in cases of accidents.

ORGANISATION OF BEAT SYSTEM

Until now there was no such system and the whole work was done by Police Station Officers. Under the new system, each Police Station will be divided in beats of three to four according to the distribution of crime and locality. The object of the system is to enable the officers to move freely in the beat and facilitate the public to approach them for assistance and speed up disposal of crime investigation.

MUTT AND JEFF—Aw! Cut Out That Dood Ranch Stuff

By BUD FISHER


WE WANT TO HELP YOU OUT ON THE FARM TO EARN OUR KEEP!
YESSIR WHEN IT COMES TO SCIENTIFIC FARMING THERE ISN'T A THING I DON'T KNOW!
WELL, I GUESS I COULD USE YOU AT THAT
THAT'S IT! NOW HOLD OUT YOUR ARMS LIKE THAT AND STAND PERFECTLY STILL!
WELL WHAT CHA THINK OF EM MAW?
DON'T BE RIDICULOUS SAM L!
WE WANT TO SCARE THE CROWS.--NOT MAKE 'EM LAUGH!

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